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Protecting your family from PFAS chemicals in our drinking water

Since learning that Pleasanton groundwater contains PFAS chemicals in the fall of 2019, I have advocated for PFAS treatment facilities for both City wells and Zone 7 wells. Zone 7 has instituted plans, designs and in some locations, construction of PFAS treatment facilities. The City is studying the issue, and is scheduled to bring recommendations to Council in fall of 2023.

Fortunately, the heavy rains



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this winter allow us to receive our full allocation of surface water from the State Water Project at this time, and there has been no detection of PFAS chemicals in the surface water. This means that any groundwater needed this summer will be blended with surface water, and could reduce our exposure to PFAS chemicals in our drinking water in the short term.

However, it is important to know that PFAS chemicals accumulate in

the human body, and the half-life is in years. This means that PFAS chemical exposure over time builds up in our bodies and can lead to the many health impacts listed by the CDC on their website. There are many ways to reduce exposure to PFAS chemicals, but eliminating them from your drinking water is one of the most important ways to protect your family's health.

For the past 15 years, I have hosted a weekly radio show called Go Green Radio. On July 28, 2023, I interviewed a Senior Science Analyst from the Environmental Working

Group who led a recent study to determine which water filters eliminate 100% (or close to 100%) of PFAS chemicals. You can listen to the full interview by scanning the QR code. You can also check it out on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Tune In, Stitcher, iHeart Radio, Spotify, or Amazon Music.

