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Barnstable Fire District Water Department **NOTICE TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS**

In response to the recent Cape Cod Times newspaper article on July 25, 2017 titled, "Report: Chemicals Found In Public Water Supplies," we would like to confirm that the water you receive from the Barnstable Fire District Water Department meets Federal and State standards for safe Drinking Water! Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk! The water provided to your home can pick up naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material as it travels through the ground. Federal and State Regulations limit the amount of certain contaminants. The newspaper article discusses a data base, created by an environmental nonprofit organization, which provides a health guideline for contaminants based upon a *one-in-a-million* cancer risk level. This report clearly states, "...tap water provided by this water utility was in compliance with federal health-based drinking water standards." The report, using information reported to the MassDEP by this Department, lists five (5) contaminants above the nonprofits' guidelines. All of the contaminants listed as being present in your drinking water were far below Massachusetts and National averages.

The Barnstable Fire District Water Department will continue to work diligently to provide you with safe drinking water.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Superintendent Thomas Rooney at bfdwatersupt@comcast.net.