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**Hendersonville, NC (April 12, 2024)** – Providing clean, safe drinking water and protecting the health of the community and environment is Hendersonville Water and Sewer’s core mission. The utility regularly tests its water to ensure water quality meets or exceeds all Federal and State regulations and closely follows the emerging research regarding drinking water and public health.

On April 10, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released drinking water standards for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These are a family of man-made chemicals widely used for waterproofing, fire containment, and stain-resistance for over 50 years. Termed “forever chemicals” due to their long-lasting nature, PFAS remain in the environment for extended periods.

In 2019 as a proactive measure, Hendersonville participated in a state-wide testing event to identify drinking water sources which contained PFAS. The testing was facilitated by Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and NC State University. PFAS was not detected in any of the three source waters currently used for Hendersonville’s drinking water supply. Since then, Hendersonville has begun construction of a fourth water source on the French Broad River for drought resiliency and to lay the foundation for the future water needs of the community. Samples collected on the French Broad River just upstream of the Hendersonville’s new water source have found extremely small amounts of PFAS that are well below the EPA’s new drinking water standards.

The City of Hendersonville will sample for PFAS in drinking water to comply with the new drinking water regulations and to ensure protection of public health.

Hendersonville Water and Sewer remains committed to delivering clean, safe drinking water to the community. To review the Drinking Water Quality Report and other information visit <https://www.hvlnc.gov/watersewerreports>.

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