



**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW, STRICTER REGULATIONS PROPOSED
BY PENNSYLVANIA'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD REGARDING PER-AND
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT
LEVELS**

RESOLUTION 2022- 14

WHEREAS, per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been used since the 1940's to make products resistant to water, heat, oil, and grease, such as carpets, furniture fabrics, clothing, adhesives, food packaging, non-stick cooking surfaces, the insulation of electrical wire, and more; and

WHEREAS, many PFAS, including perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), are a concern because they do not break down in the environment, can move through soils and contaminate drinking water sources, and build up (bioaccumulate) in fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Quality Board has proposed stricter limits for PFOS and PFOA, compared with federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limits; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania rule would set a maximum contaminant level of 18 parts per trillion for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and 14 parts per trillion for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). Both are stricter than the U.S. EPA's ruling of 70 parts per trillion for both; and

WHEREAS, this rulemaking not only would protect our environment from elevated levels of contamination and pollution but also protects the public health of Pennsylvanians.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the authority of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, the following:

1. The Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors strongly supports the new, stricter regulations proposed by the Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Quality Board which will not only protect the environment from elevated levels of contamination and pollution, but also protects the public health of Pennsylvanians.
2. The Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors strongly supports a maximum contaminant level of 18 parts per trillion for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and 14 parts per trillion for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).
3. Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors requests that this Resolution be accepted by the DEP as the township's official public comments.

DULY ADOPTED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of March, 2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which a quorum was present.

**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST:

By: 
Michael DeBerardinis, Chairman


Melissa Mastrogiovanni, Township Secretary
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