

Draft Talking Points Cottage Grove Wells

- As part of 3M's regular water quality monitoring at 3M Cottage Grove Center, we recently began testing well water for fluorochemicals.
- This latest action is made possible by improvements in analytical methods which now enable us to detect low levels of fluorochemicals in the parts per billion.
- Very low levels of fluorochemicals were found in well water at the site.
- 3M's medical department has analyzed the sampling results and determined that the potable well water does not present a health risk at the levels found.
- Nevertheless, as part of 3M's continuing effort to limit exposure to fluorochemicals, we will complete the site's transition to bottled water by:
 1. Providing bottled water in the 116 cafeteria for cooking and drinking.
 2. Providing bottled soda in the 116 cafeteria in place of the soda fountain.
 3. Using bottled water in coffee machines in bldgs. 17, 102 and 70.

Points to Make In Response to Questions

- 3M and the Minnesota Department of Health have been monitoring well water quality since early 1980s – part of our effort to ensure safe water supply.
- We included FCs in our monitoring program after improvements in analytical methods made it practical.
- The well water serves only a small part of our drinking water needs – bottled water provides most of our drinking water.
- 3M screening level of 1PPB is simply an internal 3M tool to tell us to have medical look at it if it reaches that level.
- Levels found were low.

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- ☐ Monitoring indicates that 3M's well pumping confines the FCs to the site.
- ☐ FCs in the well water are from past operations on site.
- ☐ If you have a concern about your health you should check with the site nursing office.

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