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Company's Plans to Modify Disinfection Process Approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP)

Housatonic Water Works Company (HWWC) announces the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) approved its plans to modify its disinfection process to address elevated levels of haloacetic acids (HAA5). HAA5's are a chlorine disinfection byproduct (DBP).

The Company's plan was "approved for disinfection byproduct (DBP) control by adjusting chlorine treatment at the different segments of the distribution system" according to the June 30, 2023 letter from MADEP.

HAA5s and trihalomethanes (THMs) are formed when chlorine used for disinfection reacts with natural organic matter from the reservoir. The plan is to reduce the amount of chlorine during the first phase of chlorination where DBP's form first and add a second chlorine dose later in the treatment process to bring the Company into compliance with regulatory requirements.

"We're planning to install the necessary piping and monitoring equipment this summer and expect to be operational by October 1, 2023", according to Company treasurer, James Mercer.

About Housatonic Water Works Company

Since 1897, Housatonic Water Works Company has continuously served its community. We take great pride in providing quality customer service. For more information please visit: housatonicwater.com

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