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The City of Piqua today released results of a series of tests of conditions at the former water plant as well as drinking water sources throughout the City. Piqua, with input from Ohio EPA, contracted with a third-party independent sampling and laboratory to test the city's water sources and treated water supply. Test results were received by the City Friday, November 10, and reviewed by Ohio EPA. Results from the City's drinking water plant confirm it's acceptable for drinking, bathing, and cooking and results from source waters in the area show no concerning levels of contamination.

The contractor used by the City of Piqua is WSP Global, Inc., an internationally recognized environmental consulting company with local offices.

These samples were taken for 28 metals and anions at the City's three drinking water sources; finished water leaving the water treatment plant; and at the water fountain dog bowl at Roadside Park.

Ohio EPA reviewed the sampling plan before it was executed. Ohio EPA did not take the samples and has told City officials it has no plans of taking any samples at the facility. Piqua employees did not take the samples and Piqua's water lab did not analyze the samples.

Over the last two months, a small group of individuals and some local media have alleged, without any lab reports or test results, that the Piqua City water is not safe to use for drinking, bathing, and cooking because of the battery testing operations that occurred at the former water plant in Piqua.

Similar claims have been alleged regarding ground and air contamination as a result of the battery testing operations.

Out of an abundance of caution and in coordination with the Ohio EPA, the City of Piqua will perform soil sampling and groundwater testing and the Ohio EPA will perform air modeling to determine if any contamination has occurred as a result of the battery testing operations that occurred at the former water plant.

All available results will be shared with the public on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at a Community Open House at the Fort Piqua Plaza in the Ulysses S. Grant Room from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Representatives from the City, Ohio EPA, RAPCA and the Miami

County Health Department will be available to answer questions. Going forward, additional test data and analysis will be shared with the public once received.

After ESG vacates the facility later this month, Piqua will continue to engage WSP for recommendations on any future sampling needs.