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PUBLIC NOTICE: WATER WELL #5 PLANNED OUTAGE

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As part of our process to eliminate water sourcing from our shallow wells for the Camanche water supply, we have been working on Well #5 (our only deep well) to establish Well #5 as our main water supplier. Well #5 was brought to full operation in May of 2023. This deep well source maintains no detectable per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and our system has tested clear of detectable PFAS since making Well #5 our main water source. The City continues to maintain the shallow wells for emergency backup. We have not used them for any supply since [April 23, 2023], but they do remain active and available to supply water as needed.

A recent bid to dig a new deep well (Well #7) was approved by City Council on February 6, 2024. That work will begin shortly. Well #7 will not be on line until later this year. In the meantime, we will be replacing the pump for Well #5 so that it can better handle the necessary capacity as a major water supply source well. This will mean that during the temporary period of time that the Well #5 pump is being replaced, the supply of water for the City of Camanche will come from the shallow wells that have had detectable levels of PFAS. The shallow wells will begin supplying the water for the City of Camanche on February 21, 2024. Mid-American Energy will be upgrading the electric supply on February 22 and Leslie Electric will commence with panel upgrades immediately thereafter. On or around February 26th, Cahoy Pump Service will begin the installation of the new pump. We expect Well #5 to be back to our main supply by March 4, 2024.

During the period of February 21 and March 4, you may see some discoloration of water as the flow patterns will reverse in the system which will stir up sediment. We recommend you use caution with laundry. Running the water for a few minutes when you see discoloration usually clears up issues of this nature.

We feel it is important that you educate yourself on the Health Advisory as it concerns PFAS in drinking water. While there are no enforceable levels of PFAS at this time, the levels from the shallow wells do exceed the US Environmental Protection Agency's non-enforceable lifetime Health Advisories for PFOA and PFOS. We recommend you review articles resourced on our City of Camanche website <https://www.camancheia.org/city-services-government/water-sewer/pfas-faq/>. If you do not have internet access, staff at the Camanche Public Library will be happy to assist you in research. If you have questions concerning this transition, please contact Public Works Director Gaylon Pewe at pwd@camancheia.org or call him at 563-259-9410.