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### **Rye Select Board Update**

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### Agenda

- **New Water Treatment Plant**
- **PFAS regulations and treatment**
- **Rye Water District**



#### <u>Little River</u> <u>Water Treatment Plant</u>

Treatment for Wells 7 and 22

Up to 1.7 million gallons per day

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Disinfection

**Corrosion Control** 

Schedule

2024 construction

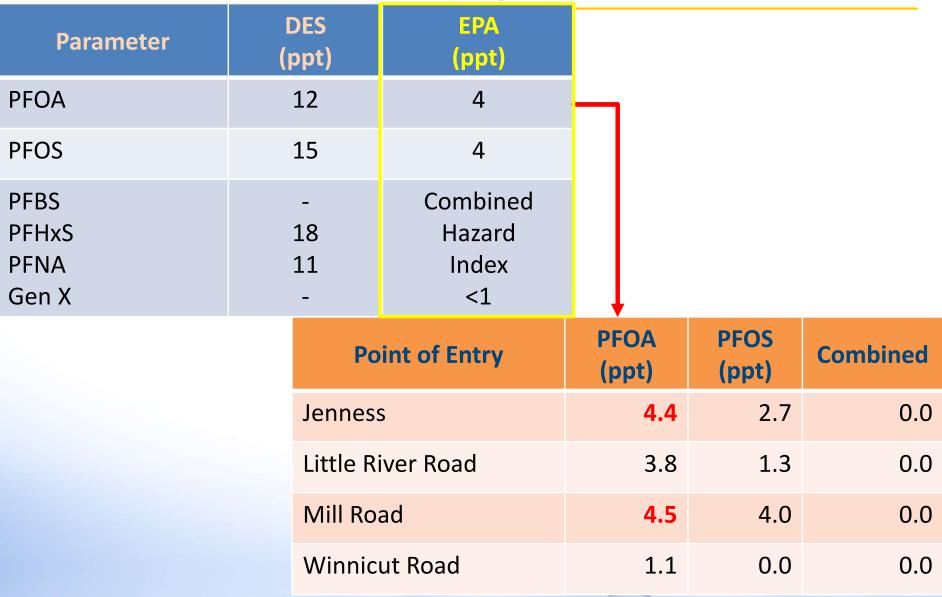
2025 start up



#### Mill Road Water Treatment Plant

### **Proposed EPA PFAS Regulations**

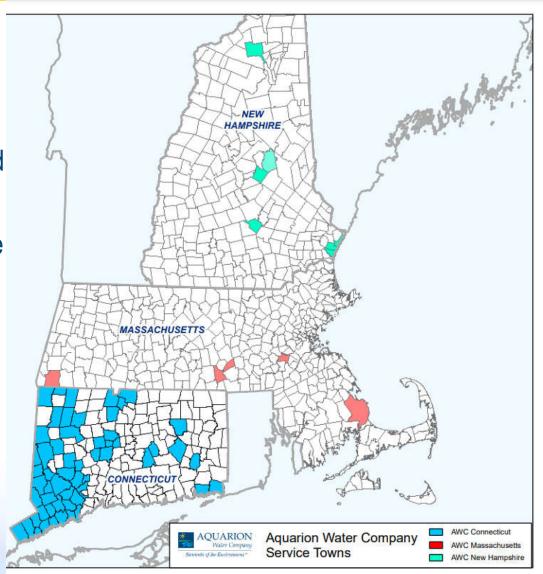
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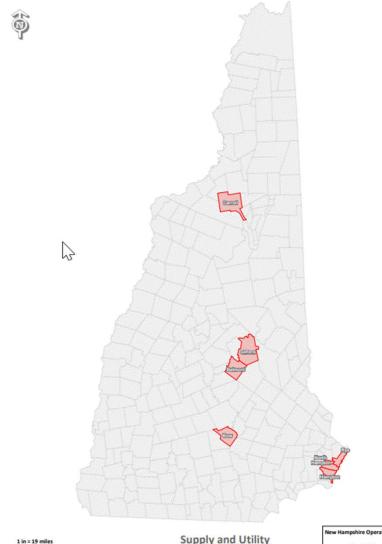
# **Aquarion Water Company**

- Largest investor-owned water utility in New England
- Serves 240,000 customers (800,000 people) in 72 communities in CT, MA and NH
- In the public water supply business since 1857
- Successfully acquired and integrated 90 systems, adding over 34,000 customers since 2011
- First privatization of wastewater in New England

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### **Aquarion Water Company (New Hampshire)**





#### Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods



Seacoast Beaches

Supply and Utility Operations Territory Coverage NH

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# **Challenges Facing the Industry**

- Aging Infrastructure
- Water Quality Issues Emerging Contaminants
  - $\circ$  PFAS group of man-made chemicals
- Lead (Pb) and Copper Rule (new regulations)
  - Increased sampling
  - Lead service line replacements will be costly (tens of millions \$)
- Availability of Water Supply
- Increasingly stringent wastewater discharge permits
- Aging Workforce / Large number of retirements
- Rising Customer Expectations

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# **Rye Water District**

- Clear benefits to both communities from an acquisition
- Larger regional water systems are more resilient and benefit from economies of scale
  - Benefits employees
  - More resilient sources of supply, production facilities and distribution systems
  - More robust capacity to address coming water quality and infrastructure requirements
- RWD customers (using 60,000 gallons per year) pay approximately 20% more for water than Aquarion customers
- More information from RWD is needed to explicitly quantify benefits

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