

Contaminated wells still lack filtration system

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TANK: A water well located across from the Government House in Agana Heights is shown on April 10. Dontana Keraskes/The Guam Daily Post

The Guam Waterworks Authority is in the process of buying filtration systems for two water wells contaminated with higher-than-advisable levels of perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS.

The information was relayed through a press release from Joint Region Marianas and GWA promising cooperation in order to ensure safe drinking water for Guam.

GWA and Joint Region Marianas are working together to test and monitor island water wells for PFOS and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, according to the release.

These compounds - commonly in

the form of perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, and the PFOS chemical found in some water wells on Guam - are associated with serious health problems, including certain cancers.

PFOS was detected in five sampling sites in late 2016. Three of those sites

yielded concentrations higher than new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health advisory limits.

One of the wells is the NAS-1 water well in Tiyan, a former Naval Air Station.

PFAS can be found in firefighting foam, known as aqueous film-forming foam, previously used on Guam for emergencies and training activities, the release stated.

It also can be found in many commercial household products, including stain- and water-repellent fabrics, nonstick products, polishes, waxes, paints and cleaning products, the release added.

"The NAS-1 water well, which is a former Navy-owned production well and now owned by GWA, tested both positive and then negative for PFAS in

the previous reports," JRM environmental specialist Maria Lewis stated in the release.

"Through recent efforts by GWA, NAS-1 now does have an operational granular activated carbon filtration system which eliminates any potential PFAS in the water entering the distribution system."

The two water wells, located in the central villages, were shut down and remain out of operation.

"Throughout the United States, the Department of the Navy continues to take a proactive approach to identifying locations where PFAS may have been released into drinking water sources on installations and in surrounding communities," the release stated.

Drug distribution case hearing moved

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The motion hearing for the defendant in a drug distribution case has been rescheduled for Sept. 4.

Harris Guerrero Enrique appeared in the Superior Court of Guam on Wednesday for a motion hearing. With defense counsel Howard Trapp's

absence during the hearing, the defendant was temporarily represented by attorney John Terlaje.

It was announced in the hearing that attorney Samuel Tekker will represent the defendant in the continued hearing on Sept. 4.

In 2017, Guerrero was arrested



Harris Guerrero Enrique

and charged with possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm with no valid firearms ID. He also was charged with a special allegation of committing a major drug crime while on pretrial

release for a major drug crime.

The Guam Police Department received information that Enrique had been allegedly dealing drugs out of his residence at Casa de Flores Apartments in Agana Heights. A raid at a unit on April 25 led to the discovery of drugs, cash and guns, and pointed police to a Tumon condominium where drugs were seized.

The defendant has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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Public Review and Comment Period: Thursday, Aug. 09, 2018 to Monday, Sept. 24, 2018

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) wishes to notify the general public and other interested parties of Guam EPA's intent to issue a Solid Waste Permit to the following company. The Permits and their conditions are proposed and open for public comment pursuant to 10 Guam Code Annotated Section 51104.

Guam EPA has received an application from the following company for the following Solid Waste Facilities:

Applicant: ISLAND SCRAP YARD
Facility type: Storage & Processing Facility
Location: Lot No. 1-3, Block 2, Tract 1415 Bello Rd. Barrigada, GU

Written comments may be hand delivered to Guam EPA's main office at 17-3304 Mariner Ave, Tiyan, or mailed to the address below. Comments must be received by Guam EPA or post marked no later than 5 p.m., Monday, September 24, 2018. No fax submissions will be accepted.

Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency
17-3304 Mariner Ave. Tiyan
Barrigada, Guam 96921

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permits or deny application for the permits will be decided after all comments have been considered. Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.

A copy of the proposed Permit and Permit Applications for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection at the following location:

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**Regular Session Meeting,
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at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy San at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

House candidates vulnerable to hacks

LAS VEGAS (Reuters) - Three of every 10 candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives have significant security problems with their websites, according to a new study by independent researchers that underscores the threat hackers pose to the November elections.

The research was due to be unveiled on Sunday at the annual Def Con security conference in Las Vegas, where some attendees have spent three days hacking into voting machines to highlight vulnerabilities in technology running polling operations.

A team of four independent researchers led by former National Institutes for Standards and Technology security expert Joshua Franklin concluded that the websites of nearly one-third of U.S. House candidates, Democrats and Republicans alike, are vulnerable to attacks. NIST is a U.S. Commerce Department laboratory that provides advice on technical issues, including cyber security.

Using automated scans and test programs, the team identified multiple vulnerabilities, including problems with digital certificates used to verify secure connections with users, Franklin told Reuters ahead of the presentation.

The warnings about the midterm elections, which are less than three months away, come after Democrats have spent more than a year working to bolster cyber defenses of the party's national, state and campaign operations.

Rebuilding the network

Democratic National Committee officials told Reuters they have completely rebuilt the party's computer network, including email systems and databases, to avert a repeat of 2016, when Russian intelligence



SECURITY PROBLEMS: A man types into a keyboard during the Def Con hacker convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 29, 2017. Reuters

agents hacked into Democratic accounts and then used stolen data to undermine support for Hillary Clinton's presidential bid.

"No one wants to be the next 'patient zero,'" said DNC Chief Technology Officer Raffi Krikorian, a former executive with Twitter and Uber.

The report follows a string of warnings by Trump administration security officials that Russia is actively interfering in the November elections. FBI Director Christopher Wray recently warned that Russian government agents were working around the clock to sow discord ahead of the election.

Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill, who is facing a tough re-election battle in Missouri, last month said that hackers had tried and failed to access her office's computer network. The Def Con study did not address that incident.

The researchers did not identify any cases where it appeared that politically motivated hackers had exploited those vulnerabilities.

"We're trying to figure out a way to contact all the candidates" so they can fix the problems, said Franklin, who joined the nonprofit Center for Internet Security last month.

Department of Homeland Security officials said at Def Con that they are offering aid to states and counties for securing election equipment.

Still, some states said they are not getting enough help, and new funding efforts failed in Congress. Individual campaigns are not eligible for federal assistance, so they rely on party officials, an increased number of tech-savvy volunteers and nonprofit groups such as Defending Digital Democracy, a bipartisan project at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Franklin also said he found numerous potentially malicious web pages that closely resemble the names of candidates. Hackers use that practice, known as "typo-squatting," to develop copycat sites for use in phishing campaigns to steal credentials or to criticize candidates.

The candidates at most risk of hacks are ones with small campaigns that have little expertise in computer technology or security, Franklin said.

NASA launches probe to go deep into Sun's atmosphere

(Reuters) - NASA launched a space probe early Sunday that will go closer to the Sun than any spacecraft before, the agency announced.

The craft will endure extreme heat while zooming through the solar corona to study the Sun's outer atmosphere that gives rise to the solar winds.

The Parker Solar Probe, a spacecraft the size of a small car, launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, on a seven-year mission. It is set to fly into the Sun's corona within 3.8 million miles of the solar surface, seven times closer than any other spacecraft.

The corona gives rise to the solar wind, a continuous flow of charged particles that permeates the solar system and can cause havoc with communication technology on Earth. NASA hopes the findings will enable scientists to forecast changes in Earth's space environment.

The project, with a \$1.5 billion price tag, is the first major mission under NASA's Living With a Star program.

The probe, named after American solar astrophysicist Eugene Newman Parker, will have to survive difficult heat and radiation conditions. It has been outfitted with a heat shield designed to keep its instruments at a tolerable 85 degrees Fahrenheit degrees even as the spacecraft faces temperatures reaching nearly 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit at its closest pass.

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