

Statement from Loudoun Water regarding Raspberry Falls lawsuit against Loudoun Water,
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On February 17, 2011, some residents of the Raspberry Falls community filed a lawsuit against Loudoun Water and other defendants. This is the second lawsuit that the plaintiffs have filed against Loudoun Water. The first lawsuit was dismissed in the fall of 2010. It is important to note that the new lawsuit relates to the Raspberry Falls community and does not involve Loudoun Water's central service area or any other community water system operated by Loudoun Water.

The lawsuit makes a number of unsupported and inaccurate allegations that the drinking water in the Raspberry Falls community is contaminated and has caused a variety of illnesses. The claims are false. The drinking water provided by Loudoun Water has always met U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) water quality standards.

The lawsuit also makes a series of serious, but wildly inaccurate, accusations against Loudoun Water, including charges that Loudoun Water took part in a conspiracy to harm and defraud the plaintiffs, as well as cause them emotional distress. These claims are also false and we look forward to addressing these accusations in court.

Each of the plaintiffs seeks more than \$1,100,000 in damages while each property owner also asks Loudoun Water to pay them for the value of their homes. In total, the plaintiffs are seeking to have Loudoun Water and the other defendants pay approximately \$300,000,000 to the plaintiffs and their lawyers. These damage claims are based on factual and legal inaccuracies, and Loudoun Water intends to vigorously defend itself and its ratepayers against the erroneous claims.

Loudoun Water intends to continue its investigation of the plaintiffs' claims and will ask that the Loudoun County Circuit Court quickly schedule a trial of this case. Loudoun Water is confident that it will prevail if the lawsuit is taken to trial.

In the meantime, Loudoun Water will continue to comply with all federal, state, and local requirements relating to its operations and deliver safe drinking water to the residents of Raspberry Falls. Loudoun Water's record of providing clean water is available online at www.loudounwater.org.

A copy of this statement is also available on the [Raspberry Falls page of our website](#) at www.loudounwater.org. When appropriate, Loudoun Water will make additional information available online.