

Email to:

**Daily Mail Online**

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Dear editors,

I am writing on behalf of the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA) regarding [your article “Manufacturer 3M to pay up to \\$12.5BILLION to help 300 cities from Philadelphia to San Diego filter out 'forever chemicals' from drinking water . . .”](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12225709/Manufacturer-3M-pay-12-5BILLION-settle-forever-chemicals-litigation.html) (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12225709/Manufacturer-3M-pay-12-5BILLION-settle-forever-chemicals-litigation.html>)

This DailyMail.com article shows a photo of bottled water containers with a caption that says: *“3M has manufactured and used the harmful chemicals since the 1940s, and are found in everyday household items including plastic water bottles.”* This statement is incorrect. Bottled water containers are most commonly packaged in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic, but also in high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polycarbonate (PC) plastic containers. None of these plastics contain PFAS.

It is the case that PFAS has been found in “pet food packaging,” which uses an entirely different material than bottled water PET containers. (see: <https://www.food-safety.com/articles/8114-pfas-found-widely-in-pet-food-packaging>)

This error appears three times in this story: in the subhead, photo and caption, and in the body of the article. We respectfully request that you correct your online article because bottled water containers do not contain PFAS. As it stands, your readers are being misled about the safety of bottled water.

Thank you,

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