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shopping carts full of water bottles, uncertainty about what is actually still safe. The reason was PFAS in drinking water - so-called "forever chemicals" that do not break down and accumulate in the body. Months later, water could be released again for the first municipalities through the use of filter systems.

Overnight, something became clear that many had long ignored: water is not automatically safe. Within a short time, filter systems were installed, the first municipalities could be reopened, and the contamination was reduced below limit values through filtration. At the same time, around 20 million euros were invested to get the problem under control in the long term. This case thus demonstrates two things simultaneously: the problem is real - and it is solvable. What matters is not whether something is in the water, but whether it is removed.

What exactly PFAS are and why they are so problematic.

In the next post, we'll discuss why this case is not an isolated incident - and what that specifically means for you.

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