



State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

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ISSUANCE OF GENERAL ORDER FOR MONITORING OF «PWS_WATER_SYSTEM_NAME» (PWS NO. «PWSID») – PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

As I am sure you are aware, there is increasing statewide concern regarding the possible contamination of drinking water supplies by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In response, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or board) initiated a comprehensive effort to investigate the nature and scope of the issue. **As part of this effort, you are receiving this letter because one or more water sources for your public water system is required to be tested under Order DW 2024-0002-DDW (2024 Order). Please review the attached Order carefully to determine the applicable requirements. Water systems are eligible for free initial sampling and testing as described below.**

The Budget Act of 2022 appropriated funds to test for PFAS in community public water systems serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities to understand how PFAS impacts drinking water in your community. To this end, the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) contracted with the California State University, Sacramento’s Office of Water Programs (OWP) and Babcock Laboratories, Inc. to collect and analyze samples from your drinking water source for PFAS chemicals. As such, initial monitoring under this Order will be of no cost to your water system. The State Water Board strongly encourages your participation and requests that you cooperate and coordinate with the OWP representative to collect samples from your drinking water well. Please supply your certified Treatment or Distribution Operator to assist the sampling team with site access and to aid in pump and valve operations. Below are important dates to remember:

Deadline:	Requirement:
April 1, 2024	Register at https://pfas.owp.csus.edu 1. Accept free sampling services by OWP and designate your contact for scheduling or request self-sampling. 2. Respond within 30 days to confirm the sampling date.

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Deadline:	Requirement:
August 31, 2026	Collect a PFAS sample from sources in Exhibit A of 2024 Order.

OWP will provide your water system with the laboratory results, public health information associated with the results, and guidance on any additional actions your water system may need to take. Your water system may be directed to take additional samples under this Order, or you may consider voluntary monitoring if any PFAS is detected. If directed by DDW, OWP will collect the additional samples at no cost to the water system. Voluntary monitoring will be at the expense of the water system, including confirmation samples.

Exhibit A (attached) lists the public water system sources that require testing under this Order. Exhibit B (attached) lists the PFAS chemicals targeted for monitoring, aligning with EPA analytical method 533, and provides minimum detection levels that will be achieved by the contract laboratory. By August 31, 2026, all public water systems listed in Exhibit A must have monitored the identified sources for PFAS chemicals listed in Exhibit B – unless otherwise directed by DDW. Additional monitoring may be required by December 31, 2026, if directed. If the listed source(s) are no longer in service, please notify your respective DDW District office immediately.

If your water system is monitoring under Order DW-2022-0001-DDW (2022 Order), samples collected under the 2024 Order may be used to comply with the 2022 Order for the corresponding quarter. Please confirm that samples under the 2024 Order have been collected before canceling the scheduled monitoring for the quarter under the 2022 Order to ensure that no quarter is missed.

In 2018, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, Assembly Bill 756 (AB 756). AB 756, which was codified as Health and Safety Code section 116378, provided the State Water Board with specific and increased authority to require public water systems to monitor for PFAS. AB756 also increases the public notification process by varying degrees based on the concentration of PFAS detected. DDW developed a Frequently Asked Questions (AB 756 FAQ) to assist water systems.

Detection of PFAS in your water may require a Governing Body Notification or Public Notification. The type of notification depends on the levels of PFAS detected. OWP will provide guidance in preparing appropriate notifications. However, if you need further assistance, contact your District or Local Primacy Agency (LPA) office.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378, DDW is issuing the enclosed Order requiring testing for PFAS along with all additional analytes in the approved DDW testing methodology.

Links to additional resources are provided below:

AB756 FAQ:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/pfos_and_pfoa/pfas_ab756_factsheet.pdf

The State Water Board's PFAS investigation website focused on drinking water with additional links to background information, previous investigation results, health information, Notification Levels, Response Levels, and other useful information:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking_water.html

The State Water Board's PFAS investigation home page which includes many useful links, including a listing of ELAP accredited labs to test for PFAS using EPA method 533:

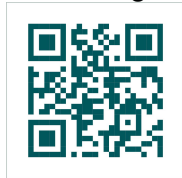
<https://waterboards.ca.gov/pfas>

Any person who is aggrieved by this Order may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of this Order. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

The State Water Board appreciates the hard work of California's Public Water Systems in maintaining safe drinking water at all times. The information gathered from the enclosed Order will assist the State Water Board in its mission to protect water resources and to address risks to health caused by PFAS in drinking water.

Please register for free sampling services at pfas.owp.csus.edu.



If you have any questions regarding this required monitoring, please contact OWP at pfas@owp.csus.edu.

Sincerely,

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