
State Water Resources Control Board

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«WATER_SYSTEM_NAME» (PWS NO. «PWS_ID») – PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (COLLECTIVELY, PFAS) MONITORING

This letter is in accordance with the requirements mandated by Assembly Bill 756 (2019) (codified as Health and Safety Code section 116378) The Department of Defense (DoD) has identified facilities that have used Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) known to contain per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively, PFAS) in the State of California. The DoD is currently or has conducted a Preliminary Assessment and/or Site Investigation through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process to determine PFAS discharged to land through use of AFFF which has a high probability to impact soil and groundwater. Oversight of the CERCLA efforts is being conducted by State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The State Water Board has determined that it is necessary to test sources located within and adjacent to the DoD facilities.

You are receiving this letter because one or more water sources for your public water system is required to test under General Order No. DW 2021-0001-DDW. Please review the attached Order carefully to determine the applicable requirements.

Exhibit A (attached) lists public water system sources, within your local DDW Section, selected for expanded monitoring. A full list of statewide sources selected for monitoring is available on request. Exhibit B (attached) lists the PFAS chemicals targeted for monitoring, aligning with EPA analytical method 537.1, and provides minimum detection levels. Effective April 1, 2021, all public water systems listed in Exhibit A must begin monitoring the identified sources for PFAS chemicals listed in Exhibit B and report all findings to the State Water Board – unless otherwise specified. Monitoring shall consist of quarterly samples beginning with the second calendar quarter of 2021 and continuing until further notice. If the listed source(s) are no longer in service, please notify your respective Division of Drinking Water District (DDW) District office immediately.

Last year, 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

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concentration of PFAS detection. DDW developed a Frequently Asked Questions (AB 756 FAQ) to assist water systems.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378, DDW is issuing the enclosed Order requiring testing for PFOA and PFOS along with all additional analytes in the approved DDW testing methodology. As specified in the enclosed Order, your drinking water system sources that are specifically listed in the Order are at risk for potential contamination by PFAS due to its proximity with other water sources known to have confirmed PFAS detections.

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

PFAS sampling guidelines:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/march_pfas_sampling_guidelines.pdf

The State Water Board's PFAS investigation 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 537.1:

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

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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at «District_Engineer_Phone» or «District_Engineer_Email».

Sincerely,

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Division of Drinking Water
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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