



State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER DW 2022-0001-DDW FOR MONITORING OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

In October 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), Division of Drinking Water (Division) issued Order DW 2022-0001-DDW (Order), which completely rescinded and replaced Orders DW 2020-0003-DDW and DW-2021-0001-DDW. The Order is hereby amended per the enclosed amended order because of recent revisions to PFAS notification and response levels (NL and RL), including:

- Reduction of the perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) NL from 0.0000051 mg/L to 0.000004 mg/L,
- Reduction of the perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) NL from 0.0000065 mg/L to 0.000004 mg/L,
- Reduction of the perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) RL from 0.00002 mg/L to 0.00001 mg/L, and
- Establishment of the perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) NL of 0.001 mg/L and RL of 0.01 mg/L.

In addition to the changes in NLs and RLs, the following changes were incorporated:

- RL exceedance determination for PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, and PFHxA is based on a quarterly running annual average (QRAA); that for perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) is based on a single, confirmed sample,
- The RL exceedance notification must be repeated quarterly for as long as PFAS is present at a concentration greater than its response level,
- The Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels (CCRDs) were revised to two significant figures (Exhibit B of the Order), and
- The list of sources subject to this Order (Exhibit A of the Order) was updated to reflect additions to, and deletions from, the original list.

Other changes are stylistic for simplicity, clarity and consistency with Order DW 2025-0002-DW and are not substantive.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The amended order and exhibits are also on the [PFAS DDW General Orders | California State Water Resources Control Board](#) webpage.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your District office.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

Amended General Order DW 2022-0001-DDW
Exhibit A – List of Sources and Monitoring Frequency
Exhibit B – Consumer Confidence Report Language, CCRDLs, and Notification and
Response Levels