

The Rundown on PFAS

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have received much attention in both the scientific and regulatory communities. They are used in a number of industrial processes, including the manufacture of cookware, carpets, fabric, food packaging, and firefighting foams. These chemicals are considered “emerging contaminants” because there is much to learn about these chemicals and potential risks they pose to human health and the environment.

PFOA and PFOS can be found in air, soil, and water, as they do not readily break down when exposed to the elements. Since they can be present in public water systems, the Commonwealth requires water systems with 10,000 or more customers to conduct quarterly testing for PFAS. Although the Birdsboro Municipal Authority is exempt from this requirement, by their own choice they have begun testing their drinking water for these chemicals since the beginning of 2024. To date, test results show **NO DETECTIBLE LEVELS** of PFAS in the source water as it flows into the system.

For more information on PFAS, please visit the PFAS page of the PA Environmental Protection Safe Drinking Water’s website.

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https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/drinking_water/PFAS/Pages/default.aspx