

# Tract 349 Mutual Water Co.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

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## **Tract 349 Mutual Water Company Has Levels of Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) above the Response Level**

### **What are PFAS?**

Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) are two common types of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are man-made substances that have been used in this country since the 1940s in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabrics, paper packaging for food, cookware, and other materials, including in fire-retardant foam and in various industrial processes. PFOS and PFOA are no longer manufactured or imported into the US, although there may still be trace amounts of these substances in imported goods. Other PFAS goods and materials are still produced and used in the US. As a result, these substances can be found in the air, water, and soil as well as products we regularly use. PFAS are persistent in the environment and can accumulate in animals and humans over time. As sampling for PFAS has increased, PFAS have been detected in water systems across the country.

### **Has PFAS been detected in our water?**

Yes. Our water system recently confirmed an average concentration of PFOS and PFOA above the public health-based response levels. PFOS may cause immune suppression and cancer in the body. PFOA may cause increased liver weight and cancer in the body. As our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The average level of PFOS over the last four quarters of sampling data was 44.25 nanograms per liter. The average level of PFOA over the last four quarters of sampling data was 10.78 nanograms per liter. For context, a nanogram per liter (or part per trillion) is equal to a few grains of sugar in an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Currently there are no Federal Standards for PFOS and PFOA, however the State Water Resources Control Board has established response levels of 40 nanograms per liter for PFOS and 10 nanograms per liter for PFOA.

Exceedance of these response levels is based on a quarterly running annual average (QRAA).

### **What should I do?**

- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, some people who drink water containing PFOS and PFOA in excess of the notification level over many years may experience adverse health

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effects. PFOS exposures have been shown to cause immune suppression and cancer in laboratory animals. PFOA exposures have been shown to cause increased liver weight and cancer in laboratory animals.

- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, unborn fetuses, and some elderly may be at an increased risk. These people may wish to seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Those with other health conditions may wish to consult their doctor for further guidance.

## **What happened? What is being done?**

- PFOS and PFOA were detected in one of our well water sources in concentrations above the response level. This water well was operated in the second quarter of 2026 during maintenance on our water system's other well. Normally, the affected water well is operated minimally, and the relatively small amount of water introduced from this source during routine sampling is then blended with a much larger portion of water from the other well, which has not exceeded the response level for PFOS or PFOA. The unaffected water well is now in service.
- Our water system will also pursue grant funding for PFAS water treatment projects and has joined a lawsuit against several large multinational companies for their roles in introducing PFAS into the water supply.
- Our water system continues to regularly sample the water produced by its sources.

For more information, please contact Ryan Rosché at (323) 560-1601 or at 4630 Santa Ana St., Cudahy, CA 90201.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Tract 349 Mutual Water Company who serves water to the City of Cudahy: West of Atlantic Avenue, and a section of the City of Bell.

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