



October 07, 2024

Washington County Public Schools
10435 Downsville Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**Re: Follow-Up: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Phase 5 Sampling
Old Forge Elementary School, 121-0009**

Dear Jonathan Kerns:

Enclosed in this letter are the PFAS results for the samples collected from your system on September 16, 2024. The Maryland Department of Health Laboratories Administration tested the sample for 25 PFAS under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 533.

The EPA recently announced finalized regulatory standards for six of the most prevalent PFAS compounds: PFOA, PFOS, PFBS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA (GenX). Under EPA's new regulations, non-transient non-community water systems will be regulated and required to monitor for PFAS on a routine basis. All public water systems under these regulations will be required to begin monitoring for PFAS by 2027 with requirements to be in compliance by 2029.

These PFAS compounds were detected in your water sample at the concentrations listed below. Under each PFAS compound are the individual Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) or Health Based Water Concentrations (HBWC) in which the EPA regulations are based.

Sample	PFOA	PFOS	PFBS	PFHxS	PFNA	HFPO-DA (GenX)	Hazard Index ^a
	<i>MCL - 4.0 ppt</i>	<i>MCL - 4.0 ppt</i>	<i>HBWC - 2000 ppt</i>	<i>MCL - 10 ppt</i>	<i>MCL - 10 ppt</i>	<i>MCL - 10 ppt</i>	<i>HI - 1.0</i>
TP01	19.9	82.3	3.74	66.5	1.45	<RL	6.8

Results in red show concentrations that exceed EPA's regulations. <RL = Reporting Limit

^a The Hazard Index (HI) considers the combined concentrations of PFBS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA, in drinking water. HI greater than 1.0, is a violation of the EPA MCL.

For a full breakdown of all 25 PFAS analyte concentrations, refer to the results attached.

At these elevated levels, we recommend you take the following actions:

- **Discontinue use of your system's water.** Use of bottled water for consumption is recommended until a long-term solution is put in place.
- **Issue a tier II public notice notifying your consumers within 30 days.** To assist you with the public notice, we have drafted the attached notice for your review. This is the same notice that was provided prior to sampling.
- **Develop a plan to reduce PFAS in your drinking water.** Short-term solutions may include setting up a contract to purchase bottled water or hauled water, on an emergency basis. Longer term reduction strategies may include acquiring alternative sources of drinking water (i.e., drilling a new well, connecting with a larger nearby water system, etc.), or installing treatment to remove PFAS (i.e., granular activated carbon, ion exchange resins, high pressure membrane systems). Plans should be implemented as soon as practical.

Prior to modifying or installing new treatment, a water and sewerage construction permit will need to be obtained.

For public schools and non-profit water systems, funding is available for projects addressing PFAS through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). The funding solicitation period generally runs from December to January. For information about funding and for technical assistance, reach out to your MDE county engineer, Kristy Jones at kristy.jones1@maryland.gov.

For more information about PFAS monitoring and reporting requirements, please refer to the EPA fact sheet linked below:

[EPA: PFAS Monitoring and Reporting Fact Sheet](#)

If you have any other questions, contact me at 410-537-3065 or Diana.Kremer@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Diana Kremer

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Water Supply Program



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MDE WATER QUAL MONITORING PROG
416 CHINQUAPIN ROUND ROAD
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

Field ID: 121-0009-TP01

Submitted By: John Holt

Date Collected: 09/16/2024

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Lab No: PF2500008602

Date Received: 09/17/2024

Date Analyzed: 09/25/2024

Analyte	Method	RL	Result [†]	Uncertainty	Units
PFBA	EPA 533*	2.0	3.57	± 25.1%	ppt
PFPeA	EPA 533*	0.5	3.61	± 23.2%	ppt
PFHxA	EPA 533*	0.5	9.43	± 24.1%	ppt
PFHpA	EPA 533*	0.5	3.73	± 24.9%	ppt
PFOA	EPA 533*	0.5	19.9	± 26.6%	ppt
PFNA	EPA 533*	0.5	1.45	± 26.8	ppt
PFDA	EPA 533*	0.5	0.197 [†]	± 26.0%	ppt
PFUnDA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 23.6%	ppt
PFDOA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 25.4%	ppt
PFBS	EPA 533*	1.0	3.74	± 24.7%	ppt
PFPeS	EPA 533*	1.0	1.19	± 21.9%	ppt
PFHxS	EPA 533*	0.5	66.5	± 24.5%	ppt
PFHpS	EPA 533*	0.5	1.52	± 25.9%	ppt
PFOS	EPA 533*	0.5	82.3	± 28.7%	ppt
4-2 FTS	EPA 533*	1.5	ND	± 34.3%	ppt
6-2 FTS	EPA 533*	1.0	ND	± 33.6%	ppt
8-2 FTS	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 22.5%	ppt
HFPO-DA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 25.7%	ppt
ADONA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 22.6%	ppt
9CI-PF3ONS	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 27.8%	ppt

Approved by:

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PFEESA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 26.1%	ppt
PFMPA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 18.3%	ppt
PFMBA	EPA 533*	0.5	ND	± 20.7%	ppt
NFDHA	EPA 533*	1.0	ND	± 26.1%	ppt

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Sample ID:	PF2500008602	Temperature Control:	10
Date Received in Lab:	09/17/2024	Sample Condition:	Acceptable
Sample Received By:		Received Under Chain of Custody (COC)?	No

MDE WATER QUAL MONITORING PROG
416 CHINQUAPIN ROUND ROAD
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Field ID: 121-0009-TP01
Submitted By: John Holt
Date Collected: 09/16/2024

Field ID: 121-0009-TP01
County: Washington

Collected By: John Holt
County Code: 21

Plant:
Sample Station:
Site Name: OLD FORGE ELEMENTARY SCHC
Sample Source: 21615 OLD FORGE RD
Location: WTP 1- OLD FORGE ES
Long/Lat:

Submitter Code: Water Quality Monitoring Program (Water
Reason For Testing: Routine
Data Category Code: 4A-MCL Surveys
Regulation Supported:
Federal Project: Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (Safe Dr

Sample Preserved By: Ammonium chloride
Sample pH: 7
Free Chlorine: 1.1
Total Chlorine: 1.3
Comment:

Sample Type: Drinking Water
System Type: Non-Community
Source Descriptor: Water Treatment Plant POE

Collector Phone: (410) 446-7432
Collection Date/Time: 09/16/2024 09:45

Analysis Requested
DW PFAS - 533

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Long/Lat:

Submitter Code: Water Quality Monitoring Program (Water
Reason For Testing: Routine
Data Category Code: 4A-MCL Surveys
Regulation Supported:
Federal Project: Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (Safe Dr

Sample Preserved By: Ammonium Acetate
Sample pH: 7
Free Chlorine: 1.1
Total Chlorine: 1.3
Comment: Field Blank (expiration 9/5/24)

Sample Type: Drinking Water
System Type: Non-Community
Source Descriptor: Water Treatment Plant POE
Collector Phone: (410) 446-7432
Collection Date/Time: 09/16/2024 09:45

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