



PFAS Education

Safeguarding Your Health and Water Quality

Sweetwater Authority is keeping you informed about PFAS—man-made chemicals found in many everyday products that can make their way into water sources.

In April 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set new national limits on PFAS in drinking water. Water agencies like Sweetwater Authority must begin monitoring by 2027 and meet stricter standards by 2029. We've already started testing and sharing results:

- Our first round of testing in late 2024 showed PFAS levels at Sweetwater Reservoir that required public notification but did not require action.
- The latest results indicate PFAS levels at Sweetwater Reservoir at the response level, which require next steps, like additional treatment or blending water sources or taking the water source offline.
- We're required to complete two additional quarterly tests later this year to fully understand PFAS levels in our water, and potential solutions. As soon as information is available, we will share those results with customers.

Sweetwater Authority's water is safe to drink by all current state and federal standards.

Causes of PFAS

PFAS can leak into water sources through industry, firefighting foam, waterproof clothing, food boxes/wrapping, non-stick pans, cleaning products and personal care products.

What are PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are manmade chemicals found in common household items. PFAS is a widespread issue that water providers globally are working to address due to its prevalence in society.

Impacts on environment and water supply

PFAS are slow to break down and can move far from their original use areas. When the products with PFAS are manufactured, used and then discarded, they enter the environment and can end up in water sources over time. PFAS is an issue that water providers across the globe are facing since the substances are so prevalent in our society. Sweetwater Authority closely monitors and tests the water delivered to our customers; performing more than 15,000 measurements per year and sharing water quality results with the public on an annual basis.

What's Next?

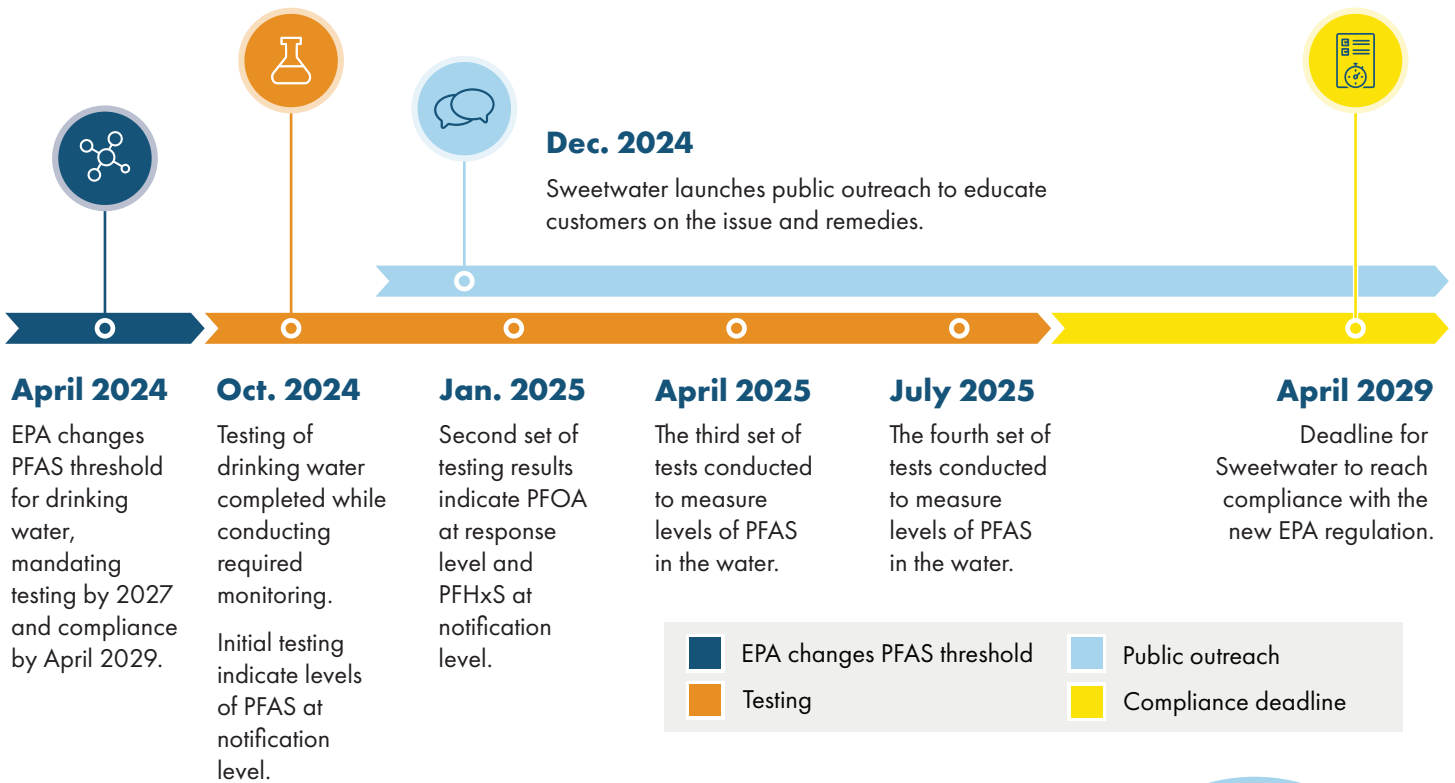
The health and safety of our customers is our top priority. Upon notification of the testing results, we took immediate action by preparing a comprehensive outreach process, including a series of public meetings and materials, designed to share consistent, transparent updates with our customers in real time.

In addition to our outreach efforts, we're committed to increasing water testing and exploring effective treatment solutions with water quality experts. We will continue to provide regular reports to our customers on our progress for both short- and long-term solutions to this issue.




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Sweetwater Authority PFAS Timeline



How You Can Get Involved



Learn more about PFAS and the water testing process, look out for upcoming meetings and informational opportunities, and sign up to receive email notifications by visiting www.sweetwater.org/pfas

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