



IMPORTANT INFORMATION About the quality of your water

In March 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued testing orders to a number of community water systems throughout California requiring them to test for a group of chemicals known as PFAS over the course of one year (testing for these chemicals every three months).

The testing reporting standards have been changing and newly enacted Assembly Bill 756, effective January 1, 2020, will require that when the detection of these chemicals occurs at or above the notification level, the water system must notify its customers. The new notification level for the two chemicals of concern, as recently announced by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, are 5.1 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 6.5 ppt for PFOS.

The first quarter of testing for these chemicals by Pico Water District shows the amount of PFAS in our water supply is above the two notification levels of 5.1 and 6.5 ppt.

For more information about PFAS, please see reverse or call 562.692.3756.



The water provided to the public by Pico Water District currently meets and exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards and is therefore safe to drink per the definition of "safe drinking water" set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 116681, subdivision (I).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR WATER QUALITY

Is my water safe to drink?

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What are PFAS?

PFAS stands for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances and is the collective term for a large group of synthetic chemicals that includes perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS). The compounds were previously used extensively in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabric, food packaging, nonstick cookware and firefighting foams.

Is there a maximum contaminant level for PFAS?

As there have been no definitive studies on the quantities of these chemicals that are safe to consume, specific public health goals or maximum contaminant levels have not yet been established. The state is currently researching the impacts of PFAS in our communities. The testing of PFAS continues to be performed as a precautionary health-based measure to inform the public of possible exposure to PFAS chemicals.

What is Pico Water District doing to make sure my water remains safe to drink?

Pico Water District is monitoring this issue closely and is looking into possible treatment methods that could be used to remove these chemicals from the water. However, these methods will take time to construct and implement. Pico Water District is dedicated and committed to providing our customers with a safe and reliable drinking water supply that is regularly tested and monitored for safety. All water quality tests are conducted by specially trained technicians working in state-certified laboratories. For more information about the quality of water at Pico Water District, please review our annual Water Quality Report at https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water_Quality.