



All results found due to our proactive monitoring are significantly below the response level. It is important for you to know that your water continues to meet all drinking water standards.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Find PFHxS information on the San Jose Water website: sjwater.com/PFAS

SJW 2021 Water Quality Report (CCR): sjwater.com/ccr

EPA information on PFAS: epa.gov/pfas/epa-actions-address-pfas

State Water Board: waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking_water

You can also email pfas@waterboards.ca.gov with any concerns

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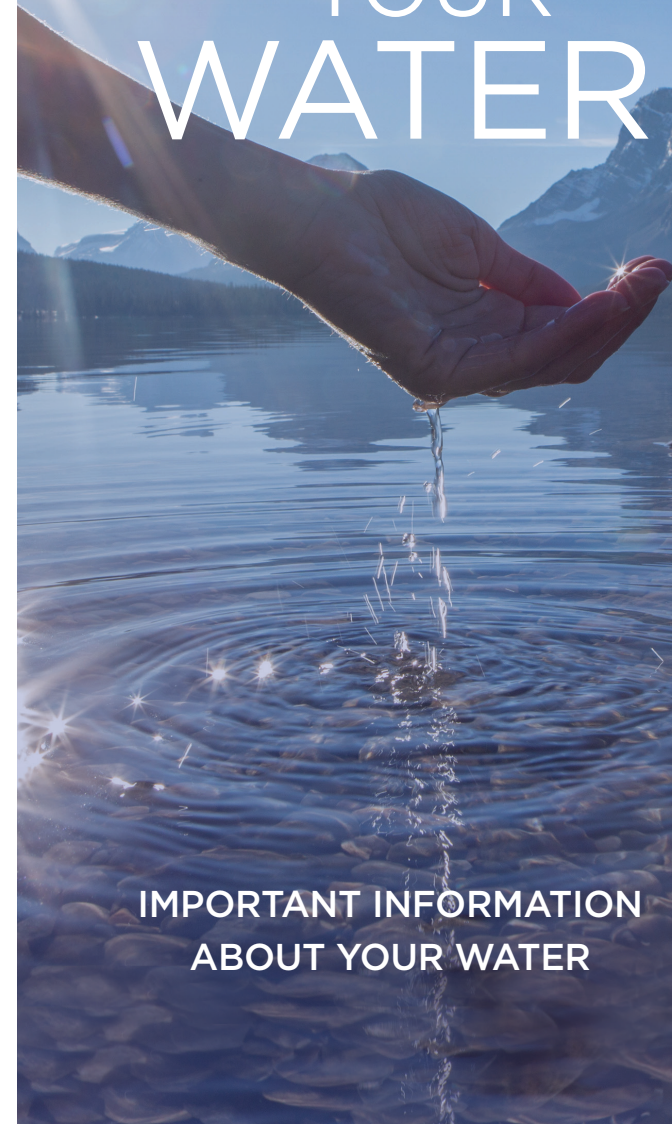


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WATCHING OVER YOUR WATER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER



San Jose Water would like to update you on the most recent status of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) in California's drinking water supplies.

Please know that we are committed to providing our customers with high quality water. We routinely test to ensure it meets all federal and state drinking water standards. PFHxS is part of a family of man-made chemicals that have been widely used in industry and consumer products such as fast-food containers, cleaning products, personal care products (shampoo, dental floss, makeup, etc.), and firefighting foam.

These chemicals do not break down in the environment and are difficult to destroy. Now equipped with better technology to help detect these chemicals at low levels, our nation's water utilities have begun finding PFHxS in some water supplies.

The **United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)** and **State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW)** are the primary agencies responsible for setting the legal limits or drinking water standards for contaminants. These legal limits, also known as **Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)**, exist for over 90 contaminants. For each contaminant, the legal limit reflects the level that protects human health, and the level water systems can achieve using the best available treatment technologies. The USEPA and DDW are continually evaluating the legal limits for existing and emerging contaminants.

On the recommendation of the **Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)**, the DDW recently established a notification level (**NL**) and response level (**RL**) for PFHxS. *The NL is not a drinking water standard. It is a health-based advisory level established by the DDW for chemicals in drinking water that lack an MCL.* When chemicals are found at concentrations higher than the notification level, certain requirements and recommendations apply. The level at which DDW recommends removal of a drinking water source from service is called the response level (RL). The chart below shows the NL and RL that has been set for PFHxS.

At San Jose Water, our primary responsibility is to reliably deliver drinking water to our customers that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. As part of this commitment, we work diligently to ensure all customers are receiving water that meets or surpasses state and federal drinking water standards. San Jose Water has been proactively monitoring for these chemicals, has identified their presence in several wells, and is currently evaluating treatment options.

Our team of experts is keeping a close eye on the latest regulatory developments and scientific data. We will keep you informed of updates.

PFHxS LEVELS	
Notification Level (NL)	3 parts per trillion (ppt)
Response Level (RL)	20 parts per trillion (ppt)



PFHxS

Perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS) is one of a group of related chemicals known as perfluorinated alkylated substances (PFAS)

USEPA

United States Environmental Protection Agency

DDW

State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water

MCLs

Maximum Contaminant Levels

OEHHA

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

NL

Notification Level for PFHxS

RL

Response Level for PFHxS

MORE UPDATES on PFHxS will be available in our *2022 Annual Water Quality Report*. Coming Spring 2023: www.sjwater.com/CCR.