



Loudoun Water Statement on EPA's PFAS Proposed Standards

On March 14, the EPA announced its long-anticipated proposed national drinking water standards for six types of PFAS including proposed Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). The proposed standard also includes establishing a hazard index for a combination of four other PFAS compounds. Please see the EPA announcement here: <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

The EPA will now take the next steps in the regulatory development process before the proposed standards are finalized. This includes a public comment period and review process that will take place over the next several months. After these processes are complete, the EPA's final drinking water standards may differ from the proposed standards, when factoring in the financial impacts to utilities and practicality of achieving this standard.

Loudoun Water is positioned relatively well to address PFAS concerns and we remain committed to providing our customers with the highest quality drinking water. Visit <https://www.loudounwater.org/residential-customers/facts-about-pfas> to learn more about our actions to address PFAS. We will continue to voluntarily test our water for PFAS compounds. You may also visit <https://www.loudounwater.org/residential-customers/your-drinking-water-quality> to review our Drinking Water Quality Reports.

When EPA issues the final MCLs later this year, it will also announce the date by which water providers must comply with the new standards. The compliance date for the PFAS drinking water standard is expected to be sometime in late 2026 or early 2027.

We will be working with our regional partners to keep abreast of the latest developments to protect our drinking water for the health and safety of our customers.