



## *Water Works and Lighting Commission*

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### **PFAS Testing Information**

In 2021 Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission worked with Northern Lake Service, Inc. to voluntarily test our city well water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS. The well water tested contained PFAS levels considerably lower than the EPA Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion. Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission is not in violation of any drinking water standards or regulations and has taken actions proactively to inform and protect the health of its customers.

### **What are PFAS?**

PFAS are considered emerging contaminants. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. There are thousands of different PFAS. Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) are two of the most widely used and studied chemicals in the PFAS group. PFAS are found in non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, some cosmetics, some firefighting foams, and products that resist grease, water, and oil.

### **PFAS Resources Available**

WDNR Information - <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS>

PFOA - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02434o-2.pdf>

PFOS - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02434o-1.pdf>

### **Who do you contact if you have questions?**

The WDNR has a list of specialists to contact if anyone has questions concerning PFAS.

### **General Inquiries**

[DNRPFASInquiries@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRPFASInquiries@Wisconsin.gov)

### **Specialized Inquiries**

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/Contacts.html>

### **Inquiries by Telephone**

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