## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

MITCHELL PWD

IL1195210

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by MITCHELL PWD is Purchased Surface Water

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The drinking water supplier is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standard Institute accredited certifier

to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact

Matthew King at 618-931-0164

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### Source Water Information

Source Water Name		Type of Water	Report Status	Location
CC 01-MASTER METER 1	FF IL1195030 TP02	SW	active	N OF INT BREMAN AVE IN GRANITE CITY
CC 02-MASTER METER 2	FF IL1195030 TP02	SW	active	N OF INTER ST. THOMAS
CC 03-MASTER METER 3	FF IL1195030 TP02	SW	active	ADJ TO FLYING J TRUCK STOP

#### Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at <u>618-931-0164</u>. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Source of Water: IL AMERICAN-GRANITE CITY Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems, hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coaqulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Within the Illinois portion of the Mississippi River Watershed, which is illustrated in Figure 3, many commodities, including manufactured goods, petrochemicals, and pesticides are transported along the river system. The production, storage, and transportation of these commodities are a major concern, especially when occurring near surface water intakes. In addition, agricultural runoff within the Illinois portion of the Mississippi River Basin contributes to the susceptibility of the IAWC-Granite City intakes. With high flow rates and long distances of travel on the Mississippi River, critical areas can be extensive. The critical area for the IAWC-Granite City intake was determined using data from a joint U. S. Environmental Protection Agency/U. S. Geological Survey project. This project used a computer modeling program (SPARROW) to determine travel times on major rivers in the United States. Accidental spills of hazardous materials into navigable waterways are a major concern because of their frequency in the United States in recent years. Illinois has access to 1,116 miles of inland waterway that can handle commercial barge traffic. These include the Upper Mississippi River, Illinois River Waterway, and the Ohio River. Along these waterways are numerous facilities that load and unload hazardous materials. Analysis of reported spills indicate that between 1974 and 1989, 794 accidental spills of hazardous materials occurred along Illinois waterways. Approximately 92% of these spills occurred along the Mississippi and/or the Illinois River. Figure 2 shows the critical area of concern (Zone 1) for the IAWC-Granite City surface water intake. Spills occurring in this critical area will travel to the intake in five hours or less, making contingency planning and spill reporting a major concern in this watershed. Information concerning spill response planning on the Mississippi River may be found at the U. S. EPA website www.epa.gov/region5/oil, and additional data can also be downloaded at the U. S. Geological Survey's FTP site

#### Lead and Copper

Definitions:

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\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_0.0255 ppm Copper Range: Lead Range:

Contact Matthew King at 618-931-0164

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data:

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply has/has not developed a service line material inventory.

To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: Contact Matthew King at 618-931-0164

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	06/16/2023	1.3	1.3	0.125	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Errosion of natural deposits.

#### Water Quality Test Results

goal or MRDLG:

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Ava:

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disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. ppb:

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

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## Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By- Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	2	1 - 2.22	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	И	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	27	18.5 - 32.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	51	25.1 - 77.3	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

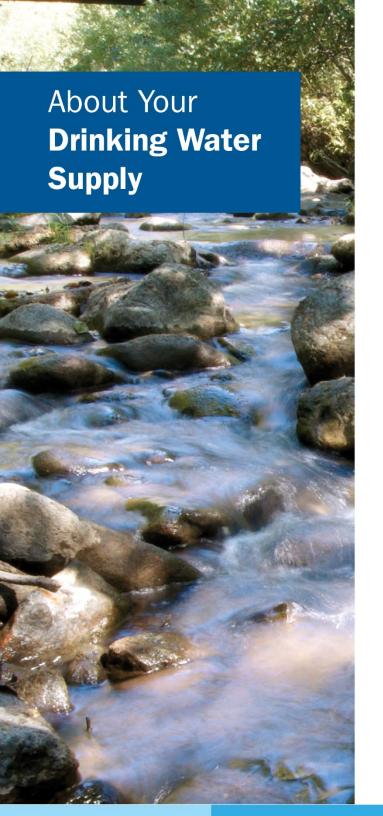


**Granite City** PWS ID: IL1195030

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## WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM

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The Granite City Water Treatment Facility draws surface water for treatment from the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River is subject to a variety of influences including agricultural, municipal, and industrial activities. Farm chemicals may be seasonally elevated in the river. Extensive monitoring and treatment ensure high-quality water service regardless of variations in the source water.

The Illinois EPA has completed a source water assessment for the Granite City system and a copy is available upon request.

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## SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

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## What are the Sources of Contaminants?

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## **CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER INCLUDE:**

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## Important Information About **Drinking Water**

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If you have any questions, please call Illinois American Water's Customer Service Center at (800) 422-2782.

### **CRYPTOSPORIDIUM**

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water and/or finished water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.



# Important Information About **Drinking Water**



### **PFAS**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are manufactured chemicals used in many household products including nonstick cookware (e.g., Teflon™), stain repellants (e.g., Scotchgard™), and waterproofing (e.g., GORE-TEX™). They are also used in industrial applications such as in firefighting foams and electronics production. There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they persist in the environment. Two well-known PFAS chemicals are perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). These were phased out of production in the United States and replaced by hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (commonly known as GenX), perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and others.

Illinois American Water has performed sampling to better understand occurrence of certain PFAS in drinking water sources. This sampling allows us to be better prepared as U.S. EPA has finalized drinking water standards for six PFAS chemicals. For more information on the PFAS drinking water standards, please visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas">https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas</a> Additionally, in 2023 we began testing our drinking water for 29 PFAS chemicals through our participation in the U.S. EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule program, or UCMR. Through the UCMR program, water systems collect data on a group of contaminants that are currently not regulated in drinking water at the federal level. U.S. EPA uses this information when deciding if it needs to create new drinking water limits.

The science and regulation of PFAS and other contaminants is always evolving, and Illinois American Water strives to be a leader in research and development. PFAS contamination is one of the most rapidly changing areas in the drinking water field. We have invested in our own independent research, as well as engaging with other experts in the field to understand PFAS occurrence in the environment. We are also actively assessing treatment technologies that can effectively remove PFAS from drinking water, because we believe that investment in research is critically important to addressing this issue.

IL EPA established Health Advisory Levels for several PFAS analytes. For more information about PFAS health advisories <a href="https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/pfas/pfas-healthadvisory.html">https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/pfas/pfas-healthadvisory.html</a>



Our scientists and engineers are experts in addressing this important issue and have a long history of researching and addressing contaminants of concern in our water.

We continue to focus on water quality and treatment technologies and processes that can effectively remove PFAS from drinking water.

Lauren Weinrich, Ph.D.
Principal Scientist,
Water Research and Development



## Water Quality **Results**

## **WATER QUALITY STATEMENT**

We are pleased to report that during calendar year 2024, the results of testing of your drinking water complied with all state and federal drinking water requirements.

For your information, we have compiled a list in the table below showing the testing of your drinking water during 2024. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of the contaminants does not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

## **Definition of Terms**

## These are terms that may appear in your report.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, that a water system must follow.

**Compliance Achieved:** Indicates that the levels found were all within the allowable levels as determined by the USEPA.

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**LRAA:** Locational Running Annual Average

## **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):**

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. See also Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL).

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**MREM/year:** Millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

**MFL:** Million fibers per liter.

NA: Not applicable

ND: Not detected

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU):** 

Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of the water.

## picocuries per liter (pCi/L):

Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).

**parts per billion (ppb):** One part substance per billion parts water, or micrograms per liter.

**parts per million (ppm):** One part substance per million parts water, or milligrams per liter.

**parts per trillion (ppt):** One part substance per trillion parts water, or nanograms per liter.

RAA: Running Annual Average

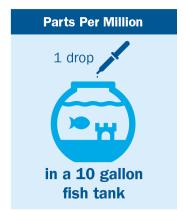
Range of Detections: The range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest, that were collected during the sample period.

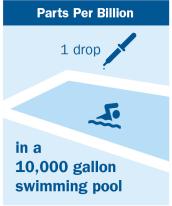
**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

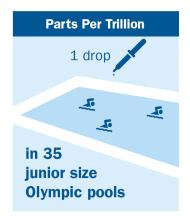
**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

%: Percent

## **MEASUREMENTS**







## Water Quality **Results**

Illinois American Water conducts extensive monitoring to determine if your water meets all water quality standards. The detections of our monitoring are reported in the following tables. While most monitoring was conducted in 2024, certain substances are monitored less than once per year because the levels do not change frequently. For help with interpreting the tables below, see the "Definition of Terms" on the previous page. Some unregulated substances are measured, but maximum contaminant levels have not been established by the government. These contaminants are shown for your information.

**NOTE:** Regulated contaminants not listed in this table were not found in the treated water supply.

	INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS													
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination						
Arsenic	2024	1	1 - 1	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.						
Fluoride	2024	0.8	0.75 - 0.75	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.						
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2024	3	2.7 - 2.81	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.						
Sodium	2024	24	23.6 - 23.6			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occuring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.						

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

## **TURBIDITY**

	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.3 NTU	И	Soil runoff.
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.3 NTU	100%	И	Soil runoff.

Information Statement: Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

## **TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON**

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

## PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

Per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) are synthetic substances used in a variety of products, such as: stain resistant fabric, non-stick coatings, firefighting foam, paints, waxes, and cleaning products. They are also components in some industrial processes like electronics manufacturing and oil recovery. Illinois American Water recognizes the importance of testing for these contaminants. Compounds detected are tabulated below, along with typical sources.

For more information about PFAS health advisories <a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/pfas-healthadvisory.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/pfas-healthadvisory.aspx</a>

The health-based guidance levels are intended to be protective of all people consuming the water over a lifetime of exposure. It is important to understand that guidance levels are not regulatory limits for drinking water. Rather, the guidance levels are benchmarks against which sampling results are compared to determine if additional investigation or other response action is necessary.

UNREGULATED PFAS CHEMICALS											
Parameter Parame	Year Sampled	Average Amount Detected	Range Low-High	Typical Source							
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	2024	0.6 ppt	ND to 2.2 ppt								
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2024	11.3 ppt	9.9 to 12.8 ppt								
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2024	1.3 ppt	ND to 2.6 ppt	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, use of certain							
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2024	1.5 ppt	ND to 3.0 ppt	consumer products, occupational exposures, and certain firefighting activities.							
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	20XX	0.5 ppt	ND to 2.1 ppt	exposures, and serial filelighting detivities.							
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	20XX	0.5 ppt	ND to 2.0 ppt								

## **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE**

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is necessary. Every five years, the EPA issues a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored. The table below provides information on the unregulated contaminants that were detected in the water system under the current round of monitoring. There were some unregulated contaminants that were not found in samples collected from this drinking water system. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available. If you would like more information, please contact Jamie Gough, Water Quality Sr Supervisor at 618-250-8723.

UNREGULATED CHEMICALS												
Parameter	Year Sampled	Average Amount Detected	Range Low-High	Typical Source								
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2024	13.4 ppt	9.9 to 17.4 ppt	Discharge from manufacturing and								
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2024	1.0 ppt	ND to 4.0 ppt	industrial chemical facilities, use of certain consumer products,								
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2024	1.1 ppt	ND to 4.2 ppt	occupational exposures, and certain firefighting activities.								
Lithium	2024	3.4 ppb	ND to 13.4 ppb	Naturally occurring with multiple commercial uses								

For more information on the U.S. EPA's PFAS drinking water standards, including the Hazard Index, please visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas">https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas</a>

PFAS chemicals are unique, so two PFAS chemicals at the same level typically do not present the same risk. Therefore, you should not compare the results for one PFAS chemical against the results of another.

## East St. Louis Plant Information

The Granite City Distribution System is supplemented by the East St. Louis Water Treatment Plant. Below is the applicable data.

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Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	2024	0.5 ppt	ND to 2.1 ppt								
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2024	11.8 ppt	10.1 to 13.4 ppt	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial							
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2024	1.3 ppt	ND to 2.6 ppt	chemical facilities, use of certain consumer products, occupational exposures, and							
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2024	1.5 ppt	ND to 3.1 ppt	certain firefighting activities.							
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2024	0.6 ppt	ND to 2.2 ppt								

### **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE**

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is necessary. Every five years, the EPA issues a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored. The table below provides information on the unregulated contaminants that were detected in the water system under the current round of monitoring. There were some unregulated contaminants that were not found in samples collected from this drinking water system. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available. If you would like more information, please contact Jamie Gough, Water Quality Sr Supervisor at 618-250-8723.

UNREGULATED CHEMICALS											
Parameter	Year Sampled	Average Amount Detected	Range Low-High	Typical Source							
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2024	13.6 ppt	11.3 to 18.1 ppt	Discharge from manufacturing and							
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2024	1.1 ppt	ND to 4.4 ppt	industrial chemical facilities, use of certain consumer products, occupational							
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2024	1.1 ppt	ND to 4.2 ppt	exposures, and certain firefighting activities.							
Lithium	2024	5.6 ppb	ND to 13.1 ppb	Naturally occurring with multiple commercial uses							

For more information on the U.S. EPA's PFAS drinking water standards, including the Hazard Index, please visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas">https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas</a>

PFAS chemicals are unique, so two PFAS chemicals at the same level typically do not present the same risk. Therefore, you should not compare the results for one PFAS chemical against the results of another.