



STATEMENT OF SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
REGARDING PFAS
DECEMBER 20, 2019

This Statement addresses concerns about the presence of PFAS compounds in the drinking water provided by the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District.

The District's water meets all applicable federal and Colorado guidance and health advisory limits, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) PFOA/PFOS health advisory.

The District regularly monitors its water using state of the art testing equipment, and all of our information has been released to the public and state authorities. In 2018, when PFAS compounds were discovered in certain District water supply wells, the District took immediate treatment action in consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE). The District has been transparent with our sampling data and response actions, which have included:

- Routine monitoring for PFAS at key points in our water treatment and delivery systems;
- A rigorous evaluation to optimize the effectiveness and efficiency of our current treatment technology and to compare it to alternatives;
- Expansion of our in-house laboratory capability for analyzing water samples for PFAS, allowing for a quick turnaround on sample results and avoiding significant expenditures on outside laboratory costs; and
- Ongoing collaboration with CDPHE, Tri-County Health Department and the EPA to monitor this issue and identify sources of contamination.

Importantly, the District uses a centralized utility-scale granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system for our water that treats for these compounds, and we adhere to all applicable CDPHE standards, guidance, and health advisory levels.

A press release recently issued by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) mischaracterizes the quality of the District's treated water. Based on all information the District has voluntarily collected, the District has had no finished drinking water in exceedance of the EPA's health advisory level of 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS.

The District continues to monitor the scientific and regulatory landscape regarding PFAS so as to stay informed, be in compliance with CDPHE guidance, and be prepared for possible changes. The District is also in communication with CDPHE on the efforts to identify and control the third party sources of PFAS in the District's groundwater.

For more information about the District's history with PFAS, please see the link on the District website's home-page (www.sacwsd.org).

For questions regarding health please contact the CDPHE or visit its website.