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EPA Releases Final PFAS Rule

On April 10, 2024, EPA announced [the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS](#) (per- and poly-alkyl substances). The rule establishes individual maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for five PFAS compounds and a hazard index MCL for a mixture of four PFAS compounds. All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems will be required to monitor for these PFAS and have three years (by 2027) to complete initial monitoring. Public water systems exceeding the MCL will have an additional two years (by 2029) to reduce PFAS concentrations. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides funding for emerging contaminants including PFAS. Information on implementing this rule in Oregon will be on our website soon.

Certification News

Small water system (SWS) operators whose SWS certifications expire July 31, 2024, will be receiving renewal notices in the mail. The new contract for the small water system operator training course is in process. We expect classes to resume very soon. [Check the website for the new schedule.](#)

Distribution and Treatment operators with names beginning with L-Z who failed to renew on time will receive a postcard reminder that they have until the end of the year to renew. Renewal information can be found on the [OpCert website](#).

For randomly chosen L-Z Distribution and Treatment operators, it is [CEU audit time](#). Operators who are chosen will receive postcards sent to the address on file.

Certification Lists on Data Online Updated

Two of the three operator certification lists on Data Online have been combined. Both Operators for Hire and Tester/Specialists now appear in the Certification list: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/cert.php>.

The online list of Backflow Assembly Testers and Cross Connection Specialists (BAT & CCS) has also been updated, but it remains on a separate page because it is frequently accessed by the public: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/backflow.php>.

The lists are now searchable, sortable, and downloadable.

Lead and Copper News

Service line inventories are due by October 16, 2024. DWS has created a web page with helpful resources (<http://www.oregon.gov/lcrr>) including:

- [FAQs](#) — inventory methodologies recently updated
- [Statistical Guidance for evaluating unknown lines](#) — number of required lines to inspect recently updated
- New — [EPA Fact Sheet for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory](#)
- Inventory templates for Community and NTNC systems (includes one for Community systems under 100 connections)
- Funding resources

New public notification requirements

- *Consumer tap sample individual results* – Starting on October 16, 2024, if any individual homeowner tap sample result for lead is over the action level of 15 ppb **and/or** the water system exceeds the action level for its 90% calculation, a Tier 1 (24-hour) public notice is required. The [EPA public notice template](#) for 90% action level exceedance is on the [Resources and Forms web page](#) under the Lead and Copper header. DWS recommends systems deliver these notices well before the October 16, 2024, deadline.
 - *Service line inventory public notifications* – if your submitted service line inventory includes lead service lines, galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) or unknown classifications, your water system is required to send notices to the affected customers regarding their service line classification. These notices must be sent no later than November 15, 2024. EPA expects to release the letter templates soon, and DWS will post them on the [DWS Resources and Forms web page](#) under the Lead and Copper header.
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Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of January 8, 2024, through April 16, 2024. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) Drinking Water Services congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go [here](#) to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

PWS Name	County Served
AVION WC - TUMALO RIM	Deschutes
AVION WC - TURNER	Deschutes
BELLA CASA PARK	Lane
BLACK BUTTE RANCH CORPORATION	Deschutes
ELGIN WATER DEPARTMENT	Union
HILLTOP IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	Lane
IMBLER, CITY OF	Union
MARCOLA WATER DISTRICT	Lane
OCHOCO VALLEY HOME IMPROV DIST	Crook
OREGON WATER UTILITIES - SOUTHVIEW	Klamath
RAINBOW ENDS WATER SYSTEM	Washington
RIVERWOOD MHP LANE CO	Lane
SODAVILLE, CITY OF	Linn
SOUTHWOOD PARK WATER DISTRICT	Clackamas
TIVOLI MOBILE HOME PARK	Lane

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Oregon’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit noncommunity public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. In addition to low-cost financing and favorable repayment terms, all projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness.

Business Oregon’s [Regional Development Officers](#) can assist eligible public water systems with the best funding options in their area.

Adam DeSemples, OHA’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Coordinator, at 503-956-8287, or by email at adam.desemples@oha.oregon.gov.

Training Opportunities

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining.

You have received this message because you are signed up for the Pipeline Newsletter group of the Drinking Water Services email list.

Access past issues of the newsletter on the DWS Pipeline web page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Pages/pipeline.aspx>

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