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PFAS Sampling Project Update & Data Online Overview

OHA PFAS Sampling Project update:

- PFAS samples are being collected at all Community (C) and *non-profit* Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) water systems **serving fewer than 3,300 people** between August 2025 and July 2026.
 - We are not able to sample at 1) for-profit NTNCs (ex. businesses) and 2) federally-owned PWSs.
- **1051 entry point samples** will be collected at 910 PWSs
 - 783 EP samples collected between August 2025 and May 2026 (75%) – ***¾ of the way done***
 - 537 EP sample results have been reported (51%)
 - 94 samples have PFAS **detections** (17.5%)
 - 38 samples are **over an MCL** (7.1%)
- OHA follows-up with PWSs that have PFAS detections by providing information on how the results compare to the MCLs, their PFAS rule initial monitoring requirements, and information on available emerging contaminant funding to address PFAS.

OHA PFAS Sampling Project update (continued):



- The PFAS sample will count as the **first PFAS sample** needed to meet the initial monitoring requirements under the PFAS drinking water rule.
- Public water systems are responsible for collecting the **second PFAS sample** needed 5 to 7 months after the DEQ sample.
- OHA is notifying PFAS Sampling Project PWSs about their initial monitoring requirements via email (and cc'ing the regulator) **after** DEQ has collected the first sample.

Overall PFAS statistics to-date:

- **1190** CWS & NTNC PWSs subject to the PFAS rule
- **765 PWSs** subject to the rule **have monitored for PFAS** (64.3%)
- **125 PWSs** with PFAS **detections** (16.3%)
- **55 PWSs** with a PFAS detection **over an MCL** and may need to take steps to reduce PFAS levels by the April 2029 deadline (7.2%)
 - All individual MCL exceedances are for PFOS, PFOA, or PFHxS
 - For the 10 PWS with PFHxS >MCL, they also have PFOS or PFOA >MCL
- **13 different PFAS chemicals** have been detected by PWSs (mostly PFOS)
- PFAS have been detected by PWSs in **23 of 36 counties in Oregon**

PFAS initial monitoring requirements:

Initial monitoring must be completed and results reported by **April 26, 2027**

- SW - all populations: For entry points served by surface water, **4 consecutive quarters of samples per entry point within a 12-month period** with samples collected 2 to 4 months apart.
- GW greater than 10,000 people: For entry points only served by groundwater, **4 consecutive quarters of samples per entry point within a 12-month period** with samples collected 2 to 4 months apart.
- GW 10,000 people or fewer: For entry points to the distribution system only served by groundwater, **2 consecutive samples per entry point within a 12-month period** with samples collected 5 to 7 months apart.

PFAS compliance monitoring requirements:

Ongoing compliance monitoring begins on April 26, 2027. Compliance monitoring frequency is determined by the initial monitoring results:

- **Quarterly** if any initial monitoring results are at or above the trigger levels ($\frac{1}{2}$ the MCLs), **or**
- **Triennially (every 3 years)** if all initial monitoring results are below the trigger levels ($\frac{1}{2}$ the MCLs)

Systems with multiple entry points may have different compliance monitoring schedules for each entry point depending on their initial monitoring results.

PFAS initial monitoring schedules & results in Data Online

Questions / Discussion

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