



July 14, 2026

BRIAN HARMON
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COBURG, OR 97408

Re: PFAS Detections

Dear BRIAN HARMON,

As you are aware, OHA is monitoring public water systems in Oregon to identify water systems with PFAS detections so the systems can access currently available funding to address the issue. Samples collected recently from **COBURG, CITY OF**, PWS ID#: **4100200** had the following results:

Sample Date: **4/15/26**

Sample Location: **EP-A: EP FOR WELLS #1 & #2**

PFAS Chemical	Detected level	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)*
PFOS	11.4 ppt	4.0 ppt
PFOA	6.22 ppt	4.0 ppt
PFHxS	3.66 ppt	10 ppt
PFBS	4.22 ppt	Part of Hazard Index MCL
PFHxA	2.74 ppt	N/A
PFPeA	2.37 ppt	N/A

*Must comply with MCLs by April 2029

Based on these detections, OHA-DWS has the following information on PFAS rule requirements and available funding to address PFAS:

- PFAS Rule.** On April 10, 2024, EPA set individual Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFOA and PFOS at 4.0 ppt and PFHxS, PFNA, and GenX at 10 ppt. EPA has also set an MCL of 1 (unitless) for a mixture of four PFAS (PFHxS, PFNA, GenX, and PFBS) using a Hazard Index (a tool used to evaluate potential health risks from exposure to chemical mixtures). For information about the rule, see EPA's webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

Although compliance with the MCLs is not yet required, these results indicate that COBURG, CITY OF may eventually exceed the MCLs for PFOS and PFOA. Compliance with MCLs will be based on a running annual average (RAA) of quarterly compliance monitoring results collected after April 2027. If the RAA is exceeded, corrective action would be required to reduce the levels below the MCLs by April 2029.

2. PFAS Rule initial monitoring requirements.

The PFAS drinking water rule initial monitoring requirements for COBURG, CITY OF, PWS ID# 4100200 are **2 consecutive samples per entry point within a 12-month period, with samples collected 5 to 7 months apart** prior to April 26, 2027.

The PFAS sample collected on 4/15/26 as part of the OHA PFAS Sampling Project counts as the first sample needed. **Please collect a second PFAS sample within 5 to 7 months after this sample – either September, October, or November of 2026.**

Report the results to OHA-DWS by emailing them to dpw.dmce@odhsoha.oregon.gov prior to **April 26, 2027**. If you are unable to email the report, you can fax it to 971-673-0458 (include a cover sheet, the number of pages, your name and phone number) or mail it to Water Quality Reports, P.O. Box 14450, Portland, OR 97293-0450.

Public water systems must use a lab approved by the state to analyze PFAS samples needed to meet the initial monitoring requirements. Samples for initial monitoring must be analyzed using EPA method 533 or EPA method 537.1 (Version 1 or 2). A list of ORELAP-accredited labs for the analysis of PFAS can be found on our website here: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Documents/PFAS-lab-list.pdf>.

3. Ongoing compliance monitoring begins after 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)

For more information about the PFAS rule initial monitoring requirements, see the OHA-DWS PFAS Rule webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/RULES/Pages/PFAS-Rule.aspx>

4. Emerging Contaminants Funding. OHA currently has 100% grant/forgivable loan funding available (does not need to be paid back) to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in drinking water (see attached handout for project eligibilities). The funding can be used to address any PFAS detections (does not need to exceed an MCL). *The funding cannot be used for PFAS monitoring unless it is associated with a project to address PFAS.* **We strongly suggest applying.**

More information about the emerging contaminants funding can be found on our webpage in the "IIJA Emerging Contaminants (IIJA-EC)" section:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/SRF/Pages/bil.aspx>. The emerging contaminants [Application Form](#) can be found on Business

Oregon's webpage in the "Application Process for Emerging Contaminants Projects" section.

If you are interested in pursuing the emerging contaminants funding, the [Application Form](#) must be submitted by **August 15, 2026** to be considered for the next round of funding. The [Circuit Rider](#), Civil West Engineering, may be contacted for funding application assistance; contact Marlin Gochmour at 541-266-8601 or mgochnour@civilwest.net. For questions about this funding, please contact Amy Bleekman at Amy.Bleekman2@oha.oregon.gov or 541-751-3154.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 503-936-1657 or gregg.c.baird@oha.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregg Baird", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregg Baird, REHS
Emerging Contaminants Specialist
Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

Encl: Emerging Contaminants Funding project eligibilities handout

cc: Matt Luedtke, LANE CO ENV HEALTH
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