

City of McCleary
STAFF REPORT



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Water and Wastewater:

Both treatment Plants are operating excellently.

The changing of the seasons always brings new challenges and some welcome relief. The Washington State Department of Health asked if we would like to participate in a study to check our water supply for PFAS contamination, at no additional cost to the city.

PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals used in a wide variety of common applications, from the linings of fast-food boxes and non-stick cookware to fire-fighting foams and other purposes. High concentrations of some PFAS may lead to adverse health risks in people, according to the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#).

Research is still ongoing to better understand the potential health effects of PFAS exposure over long periods of time. Because they break down very slowly, PFAS are commonly called “forever chemicals.” Their persistence in the environment and prevalence across the country make them a unique water-quality concern.

We sent samples to Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Environmental Testing to sample for PFAS. They tested for 25 Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances in Drinking Water. In September we received the results.

I am very happy to report that all of the test results for Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances in the City of McCleary’s drinking water, were:

Non-Detectable.

If you are interested in seeing the report, please go to the City of McCleary Website, where the results are posted.

Have a great month!

Kevin Trehwella