



City of McCleary

STAFF REPORT

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Wastewater:

September this year we sent in our samples that we are required to send into the Water Management Laboratory for DOH mandated Lead and Copper testing and Disinfection By Products testing of the drinking water in the City of McCleary. We currently are awaiting the test results

Also, during the month of September, we had Whitney Equipment Company annual maintenance in the lift stations and the WWTP. Coast Controls worked at the WTP and the WWTP to calibrate our flow meters.

PFAS Testing

In 2024, Ecology partnered with 44 wastewater treatment plants statewide to conduct voluntary, one-time testing for PFAS in biosolids. The sample group included facilities of varying sizes, upstream dischargers, and regions. Ecology staff worked with plant personnel to collect and analyze biosolids samples for PFAS using EPA method 1633, focusing on PFOS and PFOA — the PFAS compounds currently prioritized by EPA and other states.

Key findings:

- **PFAS are widespread:** Nearly all samples contain PFAS, regardless of facility size or location.
- **Method limitations:** EPA Method 1633 showed limitations when measuring PFAS in liquid biosolids, consistent with reports from other states.
- **Consistent results in dewatered biosolids:** Low PFAS levels were similar to findings in states without PFAS manufacturing.
- **Multiple sources:** Detection in both large and small facilities suggests household wastewater may contribute as much as industrial discharges.
- **Future sampling:** All facility types—not just major urban or industrial plants—should be included for further analysis.

This study leads me to conclude that there will be additional costs incurred due to additional testing and changes in treatment processes.

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