



Walton County Water

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that once every five years EPA issue a list of unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems (PWSs). The emphasis for UCMR5 is for PFAS and PFOS chemicals.

The fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) was published on December 27, 2021. UCMR 5 requires sample collection for 30 chemical contaminants between 2023 and 2025 using analytical methods developed by EPA and consensus organizations. This action provides EPA and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the national occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water.

HDRM5 requires that the testing be conducted by an EPA approved lab. We solicited bids and the lowest priced proposal came from Microbac Laboratories. This is the same lab we used for HDRM4 which has just been completed. We are requesting the approval of the proposal from Microbac to conduct the quarterly testing requirements with the proposal estimating the total to be \$6,822. The proposal will cover the 5 quarterly samples required at each of the connection points with three primary systems that supply Walton County water. We will be billed quarterly for the sampling and testing.

This testing is required by the SDWA and must be performed in order to stay in compliance.