

Sandwich Water District

PFAS

March 2021

Dear Residents:

Due to recent changes in MassDEP regulations concerning PFAS contamination found in some public water supplies in Massachusetts, the District will be testing all public water supply wells, within District boundaries, for the chemicals known as Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The new regulations sets the sum of six PFAS compounds (PFAS6) not to exceed 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L) which is equal to 20 part per trillion (ppt). Testing is expected to be completed by April 2021 and results made available once they are returned by the laboratory and confirmed as required by the regulation. [What a part per trillion looks like](#)

The District had previously tested Well 11 under the new standards in December of 2019 and no detects were found. Under the EPA's less stringent Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3, the District tested all of its public water supply wells for PFAS in June of 2015 and all samples were negative for these substances at that time.

PFAS Resources

These links provided are to give public access to regulatory and educational resources concerning PFAS.

MA DEP PFAS Website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>

MA DEP PFAS mapping: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/map-of-public-drinking-water-supplies-where-pfas-was-detected/download>

MWWA PFAS website: <https://www.safewatermass.org>

Association of State Drinking Water Administrators PFAS webpage: <https://www.asdwa.org/pfas/>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Statement for PFOS and PFOA can be found at: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>

EPA PFAS Website: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) PFAS Website: <https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/>