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NO PFAS DETECTED IN CITY OF HANFORD DRINKING WATER WELLS

Long-term PFAS exposure may decrease fertility, increase risk for cancers and more

HANFORD, CA – The City of Hanford’s Utilities and Engineering Department is pleased to report that recent testing of 11 City drinking water wells found no Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). PFAS, according to the State Water Resources Control Board, are a large group of potentially harmful substances that have historically been used in industry and consumer products, such as non-stick cookware and stain-resistant fabrics and carpets. The substances can contaminate drinking water when the products are used or spilled onto the ground or into lakes and rivers.

Monitoring for PFAS is required by General Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. The 2024 Order requires PFAS monitoring for public water systems serving disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. The collection and analysis of samples was performed at no cost to the City by California State University, Sacramento’s Office of Water Programs and Babcock Laboratories. The state results also satisfy the initial PFAS monitoring requirement under the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. Testing must still be conducted for one more City well. It is currently undergoing maintenance and is offline.

“Clean and reliable drinking water is paramount to overall public health and the quality of life for Hanford residents,” said Utilities and Engineering Director Frank Senteno. “With these results, our customers can be assured that their water is free from PFAS.”

Senteno noted that the City occasionally receives questions about the color and smell of the City’s drinking water. Sand, debris and dark-colored material may appear due to mineral deposits in household pipes, plumbing repairs or sand produced by water wells, but the deposits are not a health concern. Neither are odors, which are caused by the presence of Hydrogen sulfide gas entrained in the groundwater, a naturally occurring phenomenon.

Past Water Consumer Confidence Reports are available for the public to view on the [City’s website](#). Read a fact sheet about [PFAS](#).

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