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EPA FINAL PFAS REGULATION

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On April 10, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). According to the EPA, scientific studies have shown that exposure to PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful effects on humans and animals.

The Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority has been monitoring PFAS levels since 2014 and has been a participant in the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule water sampling program since 2023. With the exception of one instance in May of 2023 at the North Rivanna Water Treatment Plant, all of the samples which have been collected have not shown levels of PFAS exceeding the new compliance regulation.

Protecting and providing safe, reliable drinking water to the customers of Charlottesville Utilities and the Albemarle County Service Authority is of the utmost importance. RWSA Executive Director, Bill Mawyer, said, "Our Authority proactively installed granular activated carbon filters to remove contaminants from our drinking water in 2018. That investment continues to provide significant water quality benefits, as GAC filters are now recognized as a leading technology to remove PFAS compounds from drinking water."

For more information about PFAS, please visit: <https://www.rivanna.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/What-You-Need-To-Know-About-PFAS-04102024.pdf>.

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