

PFAS OUTreach (PFAS OUT) Initiative: Helping Communities Address PFAS in Drinking Water

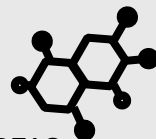
EPA launched the PFAS OUTreach (PFAS OUT) initiative to proactively and systematically engage with water systems that face potential challenges with PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. PFAS OUT is an initiative to help prepare drinking water systems for future compliance with federal drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS.

The goal of PFAS OUT is to help public drinking water systems tackle PFAS challenges by connecting them to the resources and support needed to take proactive steps to address PFAS and protect the health of the communities that they serve.

PFAS OUT will host a nation-wide webinar series that will provide support to all water systems addressing PFAS concerns. EPA will proactively reach out to water systems with potential [PFOA and PFOS](#) concerns. To identify these systems, EPA will actively review drinking water monitoring data submitted to EPA through the [Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule \(UCMR\) 5](#), as well as state, Tribal, and territorial data sources, as available. Drinking water systems with additional local PFAS concerns should reach out to EPA for technical assistance and support.

What are PFAS?

PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, which break down slowly over time. PFAS are found in water, air, fish and soil. Studies show exposure to some PFAS may be linked to harmful health effects.



The EPA regulates some PFAS compounds in drinking water. PFAS OUT will direct systems to a variety of services that can help water systems achieve compliance with these regulations.

Learn more about PFAS on EPA's website: www.epa.gov/pfas

How will PFAS OUT Support Water Systems?



Help drinking water systems understand and comply with the requirements for PFAS. PFAS OUT will identify systems with elevated levels of PFAS and provide **webinars** for them that walk-through compliance requirements and timelines.



Connect Communities to PFAS Support. EPA will connect systems to resources, tools, and opportunities for funding and technical assistance.



Share tools, resources, and supporting programs. EPA will develop locally-relevant **Resource Compilations** on how to address PFAS and post on our website to share information with communities across the country.





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Do I need to apply to PFAS OUT?

No application is required for PFAS OUT! EPA will reach out directly to water systems with levels of PFOA or PFOS greater than 4 parts per trillion (ppt). All resources shared with these systems will be posted on the PFAS OUT website and available to all water systems. Systems that did not receive an invite will be welcome to join the webinars as capacity allows.

PFAS OUT Timeline

EPA has already been working with States and Regions to determine local needs and resources. After working with the States, EPA expects to begin contacting water systems with PFOA or PFOS levels above 4 ppt in summer 2026 and will host PFAS OUT webinars later in 2026. Check the webpage (www.epa.gov/pfasout) for updates to the webinar schedule.

Why should a water system attend a PFAS OUT webinar?

Water systems, especially small systems, will learn how to take meaningful actions to comply with the PFAS rule in the PFAS OUT webinars. The webinars will explain how to request technical assistance, assess options for addressing [PFOA and PFOS rule](#) implementation challenges, apply for funding, and contact their state regulators for additional guidance. PFAS OUT materials and webinars will share information on national and local PFAS resources, including funding and technical assistance, available to help water systems address PFAS. These resources will include information on:

- Treatment technologies
- Monitoring and rule implementation guidance
- Financial assistance opportunities
- Technical assistance opportunities
- Case studies and success stories of contamination treatment and mitigation
- ...and more

The PFAS OUT webinars will provide a detailed walkthrough of these resources as well as an opportunity for systems to ask questions.

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