

## **FAQs ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S PFAS TESTING AND WATER QUALITY**

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The District is aware of the City of Kalispell's higher PFAS levels in a well that is relatively close by. The District is monitoring the City's investigation into the PFAS levels and is in regular communication with DEQ Public Water Supply Bureau. We are working with a local water engineering firm to make sure we are taking appropriate steps to protect the safety of our water supplies.

- 2. Where is this PFAS coming from?**

We understand that the City of Kalispell is trying to answer that question. Information on the City's plans are available on the Public Works page of Kalispell's website. The District's wells and City well both pump water from an exceptionally large aquifer that supplies water for both entities. Most of the District's PFAS tests from wells that draw water from the same aquifer were "non-detect". Low level concentrations of PFAS were detected in two of the District wells, but the concentrations detected were far below the MCL (maximum contaminant levels) set by EPA for safe drinking water.

- 3. How did you do the testing and are you confident the results are correct?**

The District hired a national engineering firm and brought in a qualified engineer/tester from out of state who has experience in PFAS testing. We used a certified lab approved by EPA to perform the testing and followed all required protocols in sampling. Current research demonstrates that PFAS testing is far more likely to test "false positive" than "false negative."

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