

CONFIRMATION NOTIFICATION LETTER

RE: Medium PWS Notification Confirming Requirements for the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

Dear Public Water System:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that your public water system (PWS) is subject to the requirements of the next Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5), published on December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73131). UCMR 5 requires certain PWSs to collect drinking water samples for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium during a 12-month period between 2023 and 2025.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish criteria for a program to monitor unregulated contaminants in drinking water and to identify contaminants to be monitored every five years. The UCMR dataset is one of the primary sources of information on occurrence and population exposure EPA uses to develop regulatory decisions for contaminants in the public drinking water supply.

SDWA was amended in 2018 and now specifies that, subject to the availability of appropriations, PWSs serving between 3,300 and 10,000 people as of February 1, 2021, including those that purchase all their water, are among the PWSs required to participate in UCMR. For any PWS serving 10,000 or fewer people, such as yours, EPA will pay for the cost of shipping the samples to an EPA-designated laboratory, as well as the cost of analysis. **EPA has determined that it has appropriations available to support including your PWS in UCMR 5 and is confirming your participation.**

What must your PWS complete in SDWARS 5 before December 31, 2022?

UCMR 5 requires you to take the following actions in the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS 5) prior to December 31, 2022 to prepare for sampling:

- Read and accept the UCMR 5 Notification Letter.
- Review and, if necessary, update your sample location inventory by adding missing locations, indicating ineligible locations, or editing basic information about the locations.
- Confirm or add the physical shipping address for the shipment of sampling kits to you (not a P.O. Box).
- Add zip code(s) associated with all customers in your service area.
- Select responses to the data elements (e.g., disinfectant type, treatment information).
- Review your sampling schedule assigned by the EPA or your Primacy Agency.

What must your PWS do during UCMR 5 sampling?

EPA's contractor will supply your PWS with sampling kits and instructions. In some situations, State personnel will collect the UCMR 5 samples for PWSs. Unless you are advised that this is the case, your PWS will be responsible for collecting the samples per EPA's instructions. The EPA-designated laboratory will post your analytical results to SDWARS 5 so you are aware of the results and can meet your Public Notification and Consumer Confidence Report requirements. Community water systems must inform their consumers of UCMR 5 monitoring results in their Consumer Confidence Report (see 40 CFR 141.153(d)(7)). Non-transient, non-community water systems required to monitor for UCMR 5 must inform their consumers of the availability of monitoring results for Tier 3 Public Notice (see 40 CFR 141.207).

Questions?

- For more information about the program, please review the UCMR 5 Website.

- For CDX/SDWARS 5 registration issues, please contact the CDX Help Desk at helpdesk@epacdx.net or call 1-888-890-1995.
- For general questions about requirements or navigating SDWARS, please contact the UCMR Message Center at UCMR5@glec.com or 1-800-949-1581.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Signed on behalf of organization: Central Hooksett Water Precinct

Signed on: 04/18/2023

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