

Laboratories Performing Testing for Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs)

The following PFCs are included on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule(UCMR) list and as a minimum, *should be included* in the requested analysis:

• Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)

- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)

- Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)
- Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
- Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)
- Note: "-sulfonic acid" = "-sulfonate"

The following additional PFCs have been detected in groundwater samples as part of the Southern New Hampshire Drinking Water Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Investigation.

• Perfluorobutanoic Acid (PFBA)

• Perfluorohexanoic Acid

• Perfluoropentanoic Acid

It is recommended that lab methods that include an extended list of analytes and a reporting limit of at least 5 nanograms per liter (parts-per-trillion) be utilized. Analytical methods with reporting limits above 20 nanograms per liter should not be used.

Water from your private well is likely to contain other contaminants that have health-based drinking water standards or advisory levels such as arsenic, uranium, radon, manganese, nitrate and bacteria, which are naturally occurring or originate from other nearby land uses. It is important for all private well users to test for these contaminants and ensure that the water treatment technology that is utilized is also appropriate for these contaminants if they are present in your drinking water at elevated concentrations. For more information and technical assistance about testing and treating your drinking water these contaminants, go to http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/DWITool/.

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