Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities
PFAS Information Sheet
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What is PFAS?
PFAS is an acronym for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. These man-made chemicals have
been in use since the 1940s and are (or have been) found in many consumer products.

Where is PFAS found?
PFAS are used in many consumer products such as cookware, food packaging, and stain
repellants. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, airports, and military installations that
use firefighting foams are some of the main sources of PFAS.

Do we have PFAS in our drinking water sources?
PFAS has not been detected in our drinking water sources. Industries that are most likely to be
sources of PFAS substances are not present in our source water areas. Numerous water quality
protections exist for our sources of drinking water. Protection of our drinking water sources and
risk prevention is our primary line of defense against dangerous pollutants that threaten public
health. Salt Lake City has a robust watershed protection program for surface water emanating
from the Wasatch Mountain watersheds that has been in place for many decades. This program is
supported by City ordinances as well as a team of Salt Lake City watershed rangers and water
quality professionals. In addition, we protect our groundwater sources, which is also supported
by City and County ordinances. We work collaboratively and in partnership with other agencies,
including the US Forest Service, Salt Lake County, and state agencies to protect these sources
and public health.

Have our drinking water sources been tested for PFAS?
Yes, the drinking water sources collected and treated by Salt Lake City were tested in 2013 for
PFAS. This testing was conducted pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3). EPA collected data, including
from Salt Lake City, for chemicals that are suspected contaminants in drinking water but do not
have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). In the UCMR3,
there were six (6) PFAS included for monitoring including:

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OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
There were no detections of any of the UCMR3 PFAS chemicals in our drinking water sources.

In 2019, the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, a wholesale water supplier to Salt Lake City, tested for PFAS in the sources of drinking water it treats and conveys to our system. PFAS has not been detected in the sources of drinking water it treats.

**Will we continue to sample our drinking water sources for PFAS?**
We take public health and protection of our drinking water sources very seriously. As such, we will collaborate with our partners at the Utah Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to determine the best path for ongoing PFAS monitoring efforts for our sources of drinking water.

**More Information**
For general information regarding PFAS, please visit:

- [Environmental Protection Agency PFAS Information](#)
- [Center for Disease Control PFAS Information](#)

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