

**October, 2021 Update**  
**Subject: PFOA and PFOS Investigation**

The Marinette Water Utility has committed to continued sampling, once per quarter, of the public drinking water treatment system to gather more data involving the location and quantity of PFAS compounds throughout the drinking water treatment system. The locations of sampling are the Bay of Green Bay water to be treated, raw drinking water after powder activated carbon addition, and finished drinking water being distributed to the public. Samples from the public drinking water system have been taken on November 20, 2017, December 4, 2018, January 3, 2019, April 15, 2019, July 1, 2019, October 8, 2019, February 12, 2020, May 13, 2020, September 30, 2020, December 30, 2020, March 30, 2021, June 17, 2021, and September 30, 2021 by Marinette Water and Wastewater Utility staff. Results are listed in the table below for the November 20, 2017, December 4, 2018, January 3, 2019, April 15, 2019, July 1, 2019, October 8, 2019, February 12, 2020, May 13, 2020, September 30, 2020, December 30, 2020, March 30, 2021, June 17, 2021, and September 30, 2021 samples.

In 2016 the EPA announced the release of health advisory levels for the PFAS compounds PFOA and PFOS in **DRINKING WATER**. The health advisory level set forth by the EPA identified the concentration of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water at or below which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur over a lifetime of exposure. The Health advisory level is 70 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS. Health advisory levels are non-regulatory and reflect the EPA’s assessment of the best available peer reviewed science.

**Through conversations with the Wisconsin DNR and the City of Marinette Water and Wastewater staff, it has been decided to include ALL detected PFAS compounds in the drinking water being distributed to the public. Results in the table below have been updated to show all PFAS compounds detected in the drinking water samples collected and analyzed.**

**Drinking Water Analysis:**  
**(Bolded results indicate water distributed for human consumption)**

Sample Location	Sample Date	PFOA (ppt) LOD=1.2 LOQ=3.9	PFOS (ppt) LOD=1.7 LOQ=5.3	PFHxA (ppt) LOD=1.3 LOQ=4.0	PFHpA (ppt) LOD=0.80 LOQ=2.6
Raw Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant	11-20-2017	[2.11]	[1.87]	[2.04]	[1.04]
<b>Finished Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>11-20-2017</b>	<b>[1.79]</b>	<b>Non Detectable</b>	<b>[2.34]</b>	<b>[1.03]</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>11-20-2017</b>	<b>[1.81]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[3.13]</b>	<b>[1.05]</b>
<b>Hydrant Next to New REC Center</b>	<b>11-20-2017</b>	<b>[1.75]</b>	<b>Non Detectable</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>[1.07]</b>
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	12-4-2018	[3.54]	5.94	[1.8]	[1.09]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	12-4-2018	[2.69]	[3.14]	[1.78]	[1.01]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>12-4-2018</b>	<b>[2.08]</b>	<b>[1.95]</b>	<b>[1.66]</b>	<b>[1.14]</b>

Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	1-3-2019	[1.87]	Non-Detectable	[1.61]	[0.89]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	1-3-2019	[2.06]	[1.95]	[1.67]	[0.82]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>1-3-2019</b>	<b>[2.10]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.86]</b>
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	4-15-2019	[1.93]	[1.96]	[1.36]	[0.99]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	4-15-2019	[1.3]	[2.03]	[1.34]	[1.01]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>4-15-2019</b>	<b>[1.68]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.86]</b>
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	7-1-2019	[1.77]	[2.06]	[1.64]	[0.93]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	7-1-2019	[1.48]	[1.72]	[1.81]	[0.97]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>7-1-2019</b>	<b>[1.73]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[1.98]</b>	<b>[1.12]</b>

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Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	10-8-2019	[2.44]	Non-Detectable	[1.87]	[1.02]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	10-8-2019	[1.94]	Non-Detectable	[1.48]	[0.96]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>10-8-2019</b>	<b>[1.93]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[1.56]</b>	<b>[1.19]</b>

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Sample Location	Sample Date	PFOA (ppt) LOD=0.66 LOQ=2.2	PFOS (ppt) LOD=0.28 LOQ=0.87	PFHxA (ppt) LOD=0.54 LOQ=1.8	PFHpA (ppt) LOD=0.27 LOQ=0.89	PFNA (ppt) LOD=0.37 LOQ=1.2	PFHxS (ppt) LOD=0.28 LOQ=0.93
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	2-12-2020	[1.75]	1.52	[1.25]	1.03	[0.38]	[0.626]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	2-12-2020	[1.67]	1.57	[1.27]	[0.864]	Non-Detectable	[0.49]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>2-12-2020</b>	<b>[1.51]</b>	<b>[0.862]</b>	<b>[1.34]</b>	<b>[0.849]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.516]</b>

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Sample Location	Sample Date	PFOA (ppt) LOD=0.31 LOQ=1.0	PFOS (ppt) LOD=0.45 LOQ=1.5	PFHxA (ppt) LOD=0.41 LOQ=1.4	PFHpA (ppt) LOD=0.34 LOQ=1.1	PFNA (ppt) LOD=0.45 LOQ=1.5	PFHxS (ppt) LOD=0.53 LOQ=1.8
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	5-13-2020	1.97	1.84	1.63	1.17	Non-Detectable	[0.68]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	5-13-2020	1.90	1.79	1.71	1.15	Non-Detectable	[0.59]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking</b>	<b>5-13-2020</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>[1.26]</b>	<b>[1.22]</b>	<b>[0.94]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.60]</b>

<b>Water Plant</b>							
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	9-30-2020	1.88	1.94	[1.34]	1.29	Non-Detectable	[0.69]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	9-30-2020	2.14	1.86	[1.24]	1.25	Non-Detectable	[0.72]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>9-30-2020</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>[0.77]</b>	<b>[1.21]</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.70]</b>

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Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	12-30-2020	[1.55]	1.37	[1.33]	[0.84]	Non-Detectable	[0.48]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	12-30-2020	[1.52]	1.24	[1.42]	[0.88]	Non-Detectable	[0.47]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>12-30-2020</b>	<b>[1.42]</b>	<b>[0.78]</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.46]</b>

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Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	3-30-2021	[1.16]	[1.11]	Non-Detectable	[0.83]	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	3-30-2021	[1.07]	[1.02]	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>3-30-2021</b>	<b>[1.32]</b>	<b>[0.85]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.74]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>
Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	6-17-2021	[1.92]	[1.89]	Non-Detectable	[1.18]	Non-Detectable	[0.89]
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	6-17-2021	[2.00]	[1.76]	[1.41]	[1.08]	Non-Detectable	[0.87]
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>6-17-2021</b>	<b>[1.96]</b>	<b>[1.32]</b>	<b>[1.25]</b>	<b>[1.27]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>[0.91]</b>

Raw Drinking Water from the Bay of Green Bay	9-30-2021	[2.16]	[2.05]	[1.69]	[1.08]	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable
Raw Drinking Water After Carbon Addition	9-30-2021	[2.04]	[1.94]	[1.85]	[1.17]	Non-Detectable	Non-Detectable
<b>Finished Drinking Water at Drinking Water Plant</b>	<b>9-30-2021</b>	<b>[1.83]</b>	<b>[1.20]</b>	<b>[1.47]</b>	<b>[1.06]</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>	<b>Non-Detectable</b>

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