



**Stoughton Utilities**

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*Serving Electric, Water & Wastewater Since 1886*

# News Release

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### **Testing for PFAS in Public Drinking Water**

Stoughton Utilities takes its role in protecting public health by providing safe drinking water to our community very seriously. Our drinking water is closely regulated by both the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and it meets strict Federal and State drinking water standards.

We appreciate that an important conversation is happening right now regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS. PFAS is an emerging contaminant that EPA and DNR do not regulate at this time. PFAS is a group of thousands of compounds used in everything from food packaging and cookware to upholstery, clothing and firefighting foam. The chemicals do not break down in the environment and are commonly found in dust, air, soil and water. It is our understanding that PFAS can be found everywhere.

Testing for PFAS isn't required by state or federal regulators, and our utility is not testing for PFAS right now. EPA and DNR are both working to determine how and when PFAS should be regulated. We will continue to follow EPA's and DNR's lead on PFAS to keep your drinking water safe according to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves wastewater and water customers located within the City of Stoughton.