

PFAS Fact Sheet

What Are PFAS?

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a large group of synthetic chemicals historically used in products like firefighting foam, non-stick coatings, and water-resistant materials.

Why Were They Tested?

PFAS testing is increasingly included in lake monitoring programs to:

- Establish baseline conditions
- Address public questions
- Ensure transparency and data-driven decision making

What Was Found?

- Most PFAS compounds: **Not detected**
- A few PFAS compounds detected at **very low levels**
- PFOS (one of the most concerning PFAS): **Not detected**
- PFOA: detected at low levels

Are These Levels Safe?

Yes. The concentrations measured:

- Are typical of background surface water conditions
- Are well below levels associated with health concerns
- Do not indicate a contamination issue

Do We Need to Do Anything?

No immediate action is needed. Optional future monitoring could be conducted to track long-term trends.