



On March 14, 2023, the EPA announced its ***proposed*** national drinking water standards – also known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) – for PFOA and PFOS.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-proposes-first-ever-national-standard-protect-communities>

PFOA and PFOS are two PFAS compounds believed to have adverse health effects at very low concentrations. Because of these properties, PFOA and PFOS were phased out of production by U.S. manufacturers in the mid-2000s. However, PFOA and PFOS can still be imported into the U.S. through consumer goods. They also remain in some drinking water sources due to decades of industrial pollution and consumer product use. The EPA has stated that approximately 80% of a person's exposure to PFAS comes from consumer goods such as cookware, cosmetics, food wrappings, stain/water-resistant clothing, and carpet and furniture treatments.

The proposed MCLs announced today – 4.0 parts per trillion for PFOA and 4.0 parts per trillion for PFOS – are both far above any levels found during a range of tests Cassatt Water conducted in accordance with current federal and state regulations. Cassatt Water meets and exceeds all EPA and SCDHEC drinking water standards (See our 2021 Water Quality Report @ www.cassattwater.com). The Cassatt Water staff will continue to work diligently in our efforts to exceed state and federal standards and provide quality drinking water. If you have any questions please feel free to call John Watkins at (803) 432-8235 ext.122.