

REFERENCE

2526125

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SUBJECT

Request for a summary of the latest PFAS survey in final treated water.

RESPONSE

There is currently no regulatory standard for PFAS in the drinking water regulations in Northern Ireland (Water Quality (Water Supply) Regulations (NI) 2017). However, NI Water has proactively undertaken annual surveys for PFAS compounds since 2020. We have undertaken PFAS analysis as this is included in the EU Drinking Water Directive Recast.

The Recast Directive has not been transposed into new drinking water regulations in Northern Ireland. Our analysis for PFAS compounds has been aligned to the requirement for PFAS analysis within the Recast Directive in preparation for the potential for new drinking water regulations that either transpose the Recast Directive or align to the Recast Directive to build up a dataset of results and understand the potential for compliance with new regulatory standards.

The EU Drinking Water Directive Recast sets standards for PFAS in drinking water. It introduced standards for PFAS in January 2021 for EU member states, and includes 'PFAS Total' standard of 0.5 µg/l and the 'Sum of PFAS' standard of 0.1µg/l. NI Water's PFAS analysis has not breached the regulatory limits set within the EU Drinking Water Directive Recast.

Please find attached as Annex A a copy of the monitoring results for PFAS in water for 2025.

Please see also 2425503 on NI Water's Information Access Request Disclosure Log which details PFA results from 2022

<https://www.niwater.com/about-us/publication-scheme/lists-and-registers/information-request-disclosure>

Please be advised the following link to NI Water's Water Quality information on OpenDataNI may be of assistance to you in the future.

<https://www.opendatani.gov.uk/@ni-water/ni-water-customer-tap-authorised-supply-point-results>