

**Dear East Slope Water Company Customer:**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is monitoring scientific, regulatory, and legal developments related to PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) (<https://www.azdeq.gov/pfas-resources>). According to ADEQ, PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals with fire-retardant properties that have been manufactured and used by a variety of industries since the 1940s. PFAS have been used commercially in the United States to make products like certain textiles, food packaging, firefighting foam, as well as in other industrial processes and may be found in a variety of products. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) currently has non-enforceable and non-regulatory health advisory levels applicable to PFAS and very recently issued a proposed maximum contaminant level.

Beginning in 2018, using the EPA advisory levels, ADEQ developed and conducted a PFAS screening program for public water systems with wells near areas of potential frequent PFAS use, which included industrial and manufacturing facilities, firefighting training facilities, airports, and military sites. As part of the program, ADEQ seeks to have water systems like East Slope Water Company voluntarily work with the state to reduce one possible route of PFAS exposure to its customers.

The purpose of this letter is to inform our East Slope Water Company customers that ADEQ testing has recently detected the presence of PFAS above EPA advisory levels.

If you would like more information about ADEQ's screening program and test results, please contact ADEQ at 602-771-6145. If you are concerned about potential health effects from exposure to PFAS above the EPA advisory level, contact your doctor or health care professional.

Sincerely,

East Slope Water Company