

Dear East Slope Water Company Customer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide our customers with an update regarding PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) that we informed you about in our April letter. As we indicated in the April letter, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is monitoring scientific, regulatory, and legal developments related to PFAS (<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 recently issued proposed maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for PFAS. When ADEQ initially tested our water for the presence of PFAS earlier this year, some PFAS levels exceeded the EPA's proposed MCL.

East Slope recently performed confirmation testing of the water and those results showed that the PFAS levels were below the EPA's proposed MCL's. In conjunction with ADEQ, we will continue to monitor the PFAS levels in the water and will notify you as we have new information to report. East Slope's water meets or exceeds all safe drinking water quality standards as established by the EPA.

ADEQ is currently putting together additional information regarding PFAS and we will provide that information to you in the coming weeks.

If you would like more information about ADEQ's screening program and their 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