

GADSDEN WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD

GADSDEN, AL | PWSID: AL0000577 | Population served: 44,637

Based on EPA UCMR 5 testing data (2023-2025) | Report generated April 8, 2026



PFOA severely exceeds the federal limit at 5.86x the EPA maximum

The EPA set enforceable limits for six PFAS compounds in April 2024. Grade reflects the worst single compound result.

Findings

| Compound | Detected (ppt) | EPA Limit (ppt) | Ratio | Status |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| PFOA | 23.4 | 4.0 | 5.86 | EXCEEDS |
| PFOS | 22.7 | 4.0 | 5.67 | EXCEEDS |
| PFHxS | 4.2 | 10.0 | 0.42 | Below limit |
| PFBS | 111.0 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFPeA | 43.4 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFHxA | 27.5 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFBA | 15.3 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFHpA | 9.0 | - | - | No federal limit |

What This Means

This water system serves 44,637 residents in GADSDEN. EPA testing detected 29 PFAS compounds, 2 of which exceed federal drinking water limits. Residents served by this system should consider installing an NSF 53 or NSF 58 certified water filter.

What You Can Do

- Request your utility's full Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for additional water quality data
- Consider an NSF 53 (pitcher) or NSF 58 (reverse osmosis) certified filter if PFAS were detected
- Attend your local water board or city council meeting to ask about treatment plans