

## HIGHLAND WATER AUTHORITY

GADSDEN, AL | PWSID: AL0000580 | Population served: 3,963  
Based on EPA UCMR 5 testing data (2023-2025) | Report generated May 25, 2026



### PFOA exceeds the federal limit at 3.67x 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	14.7	4.0	3.67	<b>EXCEEDS</b>
PFOS	11.1	4.0	2.76	<b>EXCEEDS</b>
PFHxS	3.1	10.0	0.31	Below limit
PFBS	73.7	-	-	No federal limit
PFPeA	31.6	-	-	No federal limit
PFHxA	17.9	-	-	No federal limit
PFBA	15.0	-	-	No federal limit
PFHpA	6.3	-	-	No federal limit

### What This Means

This water system serves 3,963 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