

HOWARD COUNTY D.P.W. DISTRIBUTION

COLUMBIA, MD | PWSID: MD0130002 | Population served: 286,158
Based on EPA UCMR 5 testing data (2023-2025) | Report generated April 8, 2026



PFAS detected below federal limits

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 |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| PFHxA | 3.4 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFPeA | 3.3 | - | - | No federal limit |

What This Means

This water system serves 286,158 residents in COLUMBIA. EPA testing detected 29 PFAS compounds, 0 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