Water Quality Report Card

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COLUMBIA, MD | PWSID: MD0130002 | Population served: 286,158

Based on EPA UCMR 5 testing data (2023-2025) | Report generated November 25, 2026

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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

This report is provided for informational purposes. It is not a substitute for professional water quality analysis.