# Water Quality Report Card

CheckYourWater.org

## COLUMBIA CITY OF (SC4010001)

COLUMBIA, SC | PWSID: SC4010001 | Population served: 319,500

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

**D**

### PFOS exceeds the federal limit at 1.83x 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PFOS | 7.3 | 4.0 | 1.83 | **EXCEEDS** |
| PFOA | 5.3 | 4.0 | 1.33 | **EXCEEDS** |
| HFPO-DA | 8.0 | 10.0 | 0.80 | Below limit |
| PFPeA | 4.6 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFBS | 4.3 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFHxA | 4.2 | - | - | No federal limit |
| PFHpA | 3.0 | - | - | No federal limit |

## What This Means

This water system serves 319,500 residents in COLUMBIA. 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



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