

Decatur, Alabama

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



Population served	107,103
Water systems tested	2
Compounds detected	58
Above federal limits	0

Summary

Summary Decatur's drinking water received an overall grade of B, suggesting the city's water systems are performing relatively well but are not without concern. The data covers two water systems, the Municipal Utilities Board of Decatur and the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water Authority, both of which detected multiple PFAS compounds, though no specific concentration levels were reported in this dataset. Because actual concentrations were not disclosed, it is not possible to confirm whether any compounds exceeded their federal limits, including the EPA's 4 parts per trillion limit for PFOA and PFOS.

Systems Included in This Report

B | DECATUR (MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF) (77,103 served)

A | WEST MORGAN-EAST LAWRENCE WATER AUTHORIT (30,000 served)

DECATUR (MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF)

DECATUR, AL | PWSID: AL0001084 | Population served: 77,103

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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
PFBA	9.5	-	-	No federal limit
PFBS	3.3	-	-	No federal limit

What This Means

This water system serves 77,103 residents in DECATUR. 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

WEST MORGAN-EAST LAWRENCE WATER AUTHORIT

DECATUR, AL | PWSID: AL0001092 | Population served: 30,000

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No PFAS compounds detected above reporting 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
No PFAS compounds were detected in EPA testing of this water system.				

What This Means

No PFAS compounds were detected in this system's testing. This does not guarantee the absence of PFAS, as testing covers specific compounds at specific detection limits.

What You Can Do

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- Consider an NSF 53 (pitcher) or NSF 58 (reverse osmosis) certified filter if PFAS were detected
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