PFAS

Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

A group of man-made chemicals used in industry and consumer products because of their resistance to heat, water, and stains







Firefighting Foam

Non-stick Cookware







Food Packaging Materials

Water Resistant Clothing

Makeup Products



What's the Concern?

PFAS does not break down easily in the environment. Certain types such as PFOS and PFOA are associated with negative health effects. The current regulated PFAS are:

- -Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) = 4 ug/L
- -Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) = 4 ug/L



How Can I be Exposed?

- -Using consumer products that contain PFAS
- -Drinking water contaminated with PFAS
- -Eating food contaminated with PFAS

1 ug/L = 1 ppt = 1 drop in 20 Olympic swimming pools



GUAM EPA | 17-3304 Mariner Avenue Tiyan Barrigada, Guam 96913-1617 | Tel: (671) 588.4751 | Fax: (671) 588.4531 | epa.guam.gov ALL LIVING THINGS OF THE EARTH ARE ONE • MANUNU TODU I MANLÁLA'LA'





How Can PFAS Affect my Health?

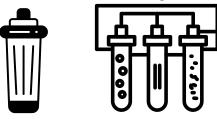
The health effects of PFAS are not fully understood. There are many different kinds of PFAS, they do not all have the same health effects. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have medical concerns.

Possible Health Effects

- -Increased risk of kidney, prostate, and testicular cancer
- -Increased cholesterol levels and/or risk of obesity
- -Reduced ability of the body's immune response to fight infections
- -Negatively impacting growth, learning, and behavior of children
- -Decreased fertility or increased blood sugar in pregnant women



How Can I Reduce Exposure? Avoid using consumer products with PFAS or install a water filtration system





Granular Activated Carbon

Reverse Osmosis



Boiling water will

NOT remove **PFAS**



Bottled water is

NOT required to test for PFAS



If my water has measurable levels of PFAS above the regulated levels, what can I use it for?





GUAM EPA | 17-3304 Mariner Avenue Tiyan Barrigada, Guam 96913-1617 | Tel: (671) 588.4751 | Fax: (671) 588.4531 | epa.guam.gov ALL LIVING THINGS OF THE EARTH ARE ONE • MANUNU TODU I MANLÁLA'LA'