

City of Alpena

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City Water Quality

With the recent news and testing results related to PFAS being a high-profile contaminant issue, the City of Alpena wants to reassure our customers that the City of Alpena's water quality exceeds all national and state drinking water requirements. Information on PFAS is available on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality webpage at www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

The City has reported, in last years Consumer Confidence Report, CCR, and it will again this year be reported that testing for PFAS has been completed and the results have shown that there are no detectible amounts of PFAS in our drinking water. This is listed as PFC in the unregulated contaminants table of the CCR. Both the City of Alpena and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have tested the intake water from Lake Huron's Thunder Bay, and our finished water coming out of the plant for distribution for PFAS and both tests indicate non-detectible results.

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The recommended treatment method for PFAS contamination, is through the use of carbon to remove and bind the PFAS. The City has been using granular activated carbon in the water plant's treatment process since 1999. The granular activated carbon was originally put into the treatment process to address taste and odor issues occurring at various times of the year.

While the MDEQ website is the most up to date information regarding PFAS in the State of Michigan, questions regarding our local drinking water can be directed to Mike Glowinski, Utility Manger, SUEZ at 989-354-1401, or by email at michael.glowinski@suez.com.