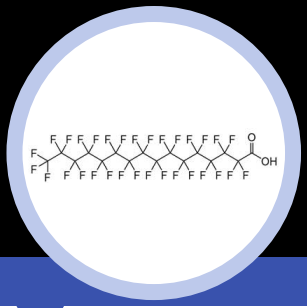

PFODA
(Perfluorooctadecanoic acid)

What is PFODA?

PFODA is a chemical in a group of contaminants called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

- PFODA can be found in stain repellants in carpet and fabric, food and other packaging, and fire-fighting foam.
- People can be exposed to PFODA by drinking water, eating food, and breathing in or accidentally swallowing soil or dust containing PFAS.

If the level of **PFODA** in your drinking water is over **400 µg/L**, you should find a different source of water.

Can PFODA affect our health?

One study has shown that PFODA can affect the health of research animals.

- At this time, there have been no studies among people that have looked at the relationship between PFODA and health.
- One study in research animals has shown that high levels of PFODA can alter the blood, affect growth and development, and cause damage to organs such as the liver, pancreas, and spleen.

What can you do to protect your health?

Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standard for PFODA is 400 µg/L.

Find a different source of drinking water if the level of PFODA in your municipal or private well water is over 400 µg/L. Sources of water can include:

- Water from a public water system or private well that has been tested for PFAS and has levels below Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standards.
- Bottled water that has been tested for PFAS and has levels below Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standards.

µg/L = micrograms per liter equivalent to parts per billion (ppb)

Looking for more information?

- Visit the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry website for more information on health effects.
- Visit the DHS website to learn more about Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standards.

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