



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Augusta Utilities Provides Update on Drinking Water Quality

AUGUSTA, GA (March 10, 2026) – Augusta Utilities is aware of recent media coverage regarding PFAS compounds, sometimes referred to as “forever chemicals.” Augusta’s drinking water meets all current state and federal health standards and remains safe to drink. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), which oversees drinking water enforcement under the Safe Drinking Water Act, has not issued any public health advisory for Augusta’s water system.

More than 182 regulated contaminants are routinely tested, and current monitoring results confirm that all levels remain within established health-based guidelines. Water quality testing is conducted regularly and reported to both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

PFAS compounds are being monitored nationwide under new federal standards established in 2024. Augusta Utilities continues to monitor these compounds as required and is evaluating treatment options to meet future regulatory timelines.

Augusta Utilities’ commitment to water quality is reflected in recent recognition from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). In 2025, Augusta Utilities received the People’s Choice Award for Best Tasting Drinking Water. The Highland Avenue Water Treatment Plant, Hicks Water Treatment Plant, and all three groundwater treatment plants also received GAWP Platinum Awards, recognizing five consecutive years of operation without permit violations.

Residents can review Augusta’s annual Water Quality Report at:
<https://www.augustaga.gov/751/Water-Quality-Reports>

Augusta Utilities remains committed to transparency and to providing safe, reliable drinking water.

Media interested in covering this topic may contact Communications Manager Chiquita Richardson at (762) 343-9525.

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