

PFAS Town Hall Chat Questions:

1. How can a water supplier determine the amount it may get in the settlement before deciding whether or not to opt into the proposed settlement? **(Tim Hopkins, Suffolk County Water Authority)**

The *exact* compensation that each eligible PWS will receive can't be known until the Claims Administrator is able to determine the sum of the Adjusted Base Scores from all the PWS that will participate in the settlement. Class Counsel is working to develop information that can be shared with potential class members regarding potential payouts that will help assist them in deciding whether to opt in or opt out.

2. Could you share any more information on the upcoming Time Sensitive Deadlines for the settlements? **(Madeline Voitier, Association of Clean Water Administrators)**

In recent weeks, Class Counsel have filed motions seeking preliminary approval of both settlements that are currently pending before the Court. Over the next several months, the Court will be considering the terms of the proposed settlement as well as any objections that are raised. We will have much more to say about these settlements in the coming months.

3. Does the settlement specify the analytical method(s) for historical PFOS/PFOA data results to be considered valid for base score calculations? **(Annika Bankston, Minneapolis Division of Water Treatment & Distribution)**

In order to comply with baseline testing, PWS must conduct PFAS tests in all its water sources at a minimum for 29 PFAS analytes for which UCMR-5 requires testing.

4. What about a wholesale water treatment provider? We send treated water to each customer's public water system to a specified delivery point and the City is responsible from the delivery point to their citizens. **(Matt Jalbert, Trinity River Authority of Texas)**

If the wholesale water treatment provider is not itself a public water system (i.e., has an assigned PWSID from EPA), then they won't qualify for the settlement class and cannot participate.

5. As I understand it, 3M manufactures some of the filters used to clean water with PFAS via R/O. Has a settlement ever included supplying free filters for the life of the plume cleanup? Has it ever been considered? **(Laurene Green, Zone 7)**

That was not considered in the settlement. However, PWS that have incurred in remediation costs or for example had to take wells down because of contamination will be able to apply for the Special Needs Fund to recoup money spent for these matters.