

PFOA/PFOS: New York State Drinking Water Quality Council Maximum Contaminant Levels Recommendations



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The New York State Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation announced that the New York State Drinking Water Council (“Council”) issued recommendations regarding Maximum Contaminant Levels (“MCLs”) for PFOA and PFOS.

These man-made chemicals have been used in various industrial applications in consumer products such as:

- Fabrics for furniture
- Paper packaging for food and other materials resistant to water, grease, or stains
- Firefighting airfields
- Utilization and industrial processes

Their properties include resistance to heat, water, and oil.

The Council recommended MCLs of 10 parts per trillion for PFOA and 10 parts per trillion for PFOS.

The State of New York previously made available \$200 million in grant funding to help communities address these and other chemicals. Such funding can be utilizing for upgrading drinking water treatment systems and other activities.

A copy of the news release can be found [here](#).