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**MEMORANDUM FOR SITE DIRECTOR, DLA INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT  
SAN JOAQUIN**

**SUBJECT: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Sampling of Defense Logistics Agency  
Drinking Water Systems**

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) remains committed to the protection of human health through the provision of safe drinking water to all men, women, and children serviced by DLA water supply systems. In response to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment Memorandum dated March 2, 2020, subject "Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Sampling of Department of Defense Drinking Water Systems," new requirements were identified for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) drinking water sampling on DLA Installations where DLA is the drinking water purveyor. This memorandum supersedes the DLA Installation Management Memorandum dated August 8, 2016, subject "Testing DoD Drinking Water for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)."

DLA Installation Management San Joaquin must collect one finished drinking water sample at each entry point to the distribution system and analyze it for all PFAS analytes specified in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 537.1 by November 1, 2020. After initial sampling is complete, DLA Installation Management San Joaquin must perform routine monitoring of finished drinking water for the PFAS analytes specified in EPA Method 537.1, according to the schedule outlined below:

- a. Systems with initial monitoring results indicating PFAS analytes which are below the method reporting limit will sample once every three years.
- b. Systems with initial monitoring results showing any of the PFAS analytes which exceed the method reporting limit; PFOA, PFOS, or PFOS + PFOA results are detected below the United States EPA lifetime health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion will sample quarterly for one year and once every two years thereafter until results are below the method reporting limit. Then, sampling may proceed as described in paragraph "a" above.
- c. Systems with initial monitoring results indicating PFOA, PFOS, or PFOS + PFOA results which exceed the lifetime health advisory of 70 parts per trillion will sample quarterly until results are below the lifetime health advisory. Then sampling may proceed as described in paragraph "b" above.

All sampling must be conducted at an EPA, state, or DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program approved laboratory certified to use EPA Method 537.1 for PFAS

analysis. Results must be submitted to DLA Installation Management Environmental Management to coordinate release of sampling results to the DLA population served by the DLA drinking water system and regulatory agencies as applicable. If this policy conflicts with state, local, or Federal regulations for PFAS that are more stringent than the guidance provided in this memorandum, the more stringent regulations will apply.

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