



WATER UTILITY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2024

MWU Breaks Ground on PFAS Treatment Facility at Well 15

On May 15th, MWU held a groundbreaking event to signify and celebrate the official start of construction on a PFAS treatment facility at Well 15. Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and General Manager Krishna Kumar led the groundbreaking festivities, which concluded with a tour of the well site by Water Quality Manager, Joe Grande.

Although Well 15 has been shut down since 2019, the EPA just recently finalized drinking water standards for PFAS; Well 15 is the only City of Madison drinking water well that does not currently meet PFAS standards. The expectation is for the PFAS treatment system to be operational by next year (2025), well before the new EPA rules take effect.

The chosen technology is a hybrid PFAS treatment system that utilizes granular activated carbon (GAC) and ion exchange (IX) resin. GAC will remove PFAS (and other volatile organics) while IX will reduce concentrations of short-chain PFAS. This treatment is expected to remove all PFAS down to a non-detectable level.

The project will be fully financed through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, which is made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. With a total project cost of \$5.9M, roughly half of the financing will be received as a grant (no repayment required) while the remainder will be a low-interest loan.

The PFAS treatment at Municipal Well 15 highlights Madison's commitment to providing safe, high-quality water to our community.

Visit the [Well 15 Project Website](#) and [sign up to receive email updates](#). Check out the latest [Annual Drinking Water Quality Report](#).

MWU Releases Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

On May 7th (during Drinking Water Week), MWU announced the release of this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The report provides an overview of the tens of thousands of drinking water quality tests conducted in 2023. **The utility is pleased to report that Madison's drinking water continues to meet or exceed all federal and state standards for health and safety.**

Postcards were mailed to customers in the utility's service area, announcing the release of the report and directing people to the following link to review the report: MadisonWater.org/QualityReport

Madison Water Utility takes the quality of the city's drinking water supply very seriously, collecting more samples and running more tests than are required by the US EPA and the WI DNR.

Madison Customer Assistance Program (MadCAP)

MadCAP assists income-eligible households by providing up to a \$30 monthly credit (discount) on their Municipal Services Bill. Find out more about the Madison Customer Assistance Program (MadCAP) at cityofmadison.com/water.

Enrollment statistics as of May 1, 2024: 443 applications received, 312 enrolled; 208 homeowners, 104 renters