

SGWASA PFAS Update

Board Update


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Introduction


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Regulatory Update



- **Initial monitoring** requires quarterly monitoring over 12-month period
- **Compliance monitoring** requires annual quarterly monitoring, unless approved for reduced monitoring (starts July 2028)
- **Reduced monitoring** only after 3 years of reliable and consistent quarterly samples below trigger levels and MCLs



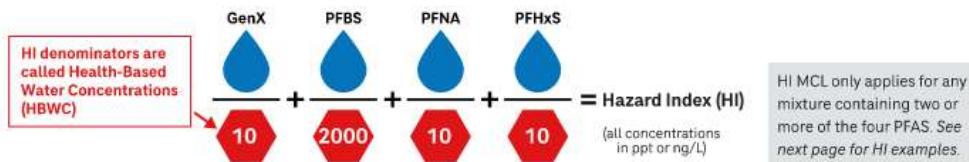
Photo: Neuse River

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PFAS Regulations

PFAS	MCL (ng/L or ppt*)	Significant Figure Requirement	Rounding for Reporting Example
PFOA	4.0	2	Running annual average value (RAA) of 4.04 ng/L = round to 4.0 ng/L = Compliance
PFOS	4.0		RAA of 4.05 ng/L = round to 4.1 ng/L = Exceedance
PFNA	10	1	RAA of 14.9 ng/L = round to 10 ng/L = Compliance
PFHxS	10		RAA of 15.0 ng/L = round to 20 ng/L = Exceedance
GenX	10		
PFNA, PFHxS, GenX, and PFBS (Mixture)	HI Value of 1 (Unitless)	1	RAA of 1.49 = round to 1 = Compliance RAA of 1.50 = round to 2 = Exceedance

*Maximum Contaminant Level (nanograms per liter or parts per trillion)



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SGWASA Raw Water Data

PFAS Compound	MCL	Average (ng/L)
PFOA	4	10.19
PFOS	4	26.14
PFBA	N.R.	1.67
PFBS	H.I. Value of 1	1.74
PFHxS	10	3.25
PFNA	10	0.59

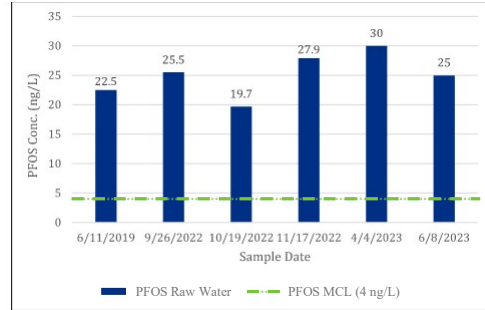


Figure 2-3. PFOS Raw Water Concentration vs. Time

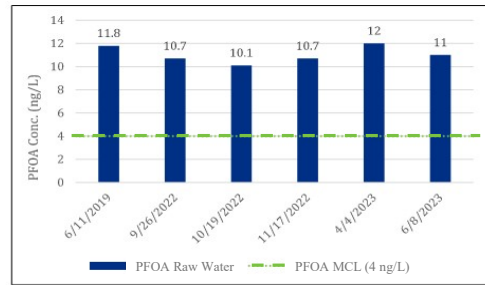


Figure 2-2. PFOA Raw Water Concentration vs. Time

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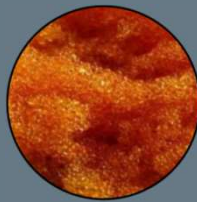
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Proven PFAS treatment technologies

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)



Ion Exchange Resin / Sorbents



Novel Sorbents



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Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Contactors

Figure Title: GAC Contactors at the Pittsboro WTP (2022).



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Pilot Update



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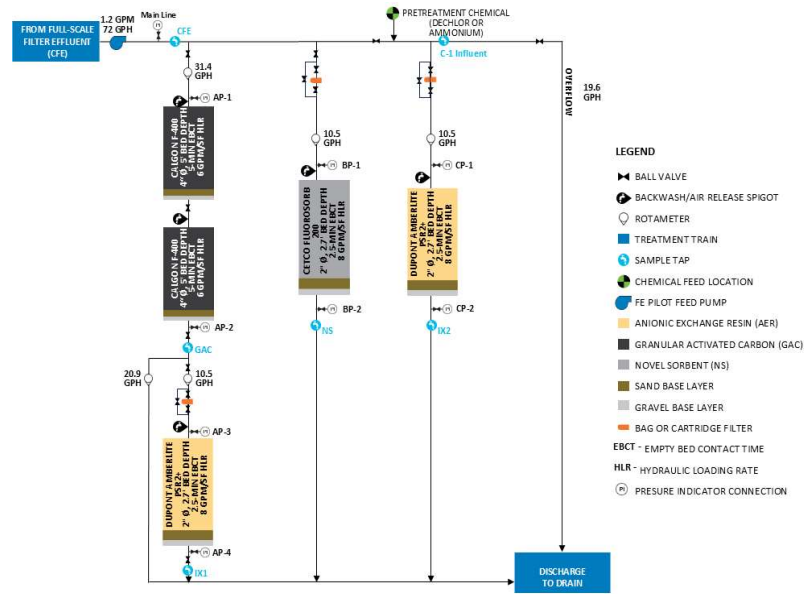


PFAS Pilot Summary

- Received \$500K grant from SRF to perform
- Testing
 - Granular activated carbon (GAC)
 - Anion exchange resin (AER)
 - Novel sorbent (NS)
- Pilot Objectives
 - 10-month PFAS pilot study
 - Best treatment based on cost and treatment efficacy.
 - 20-year life cycle costs analysis

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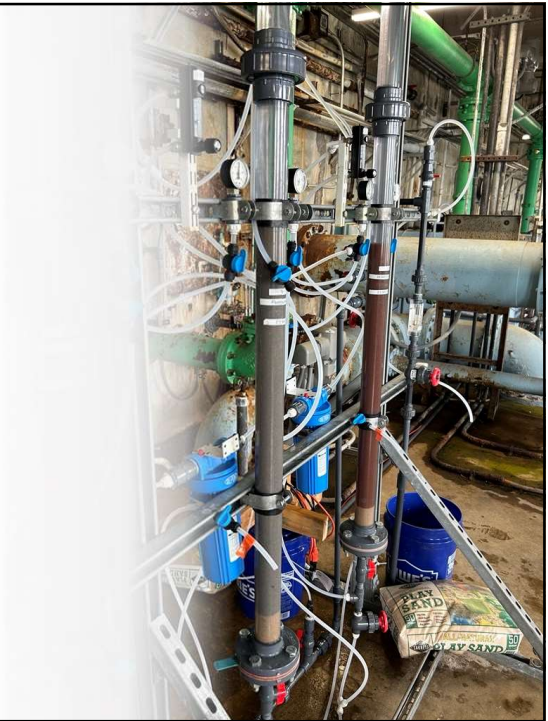
Process Flow Diagram



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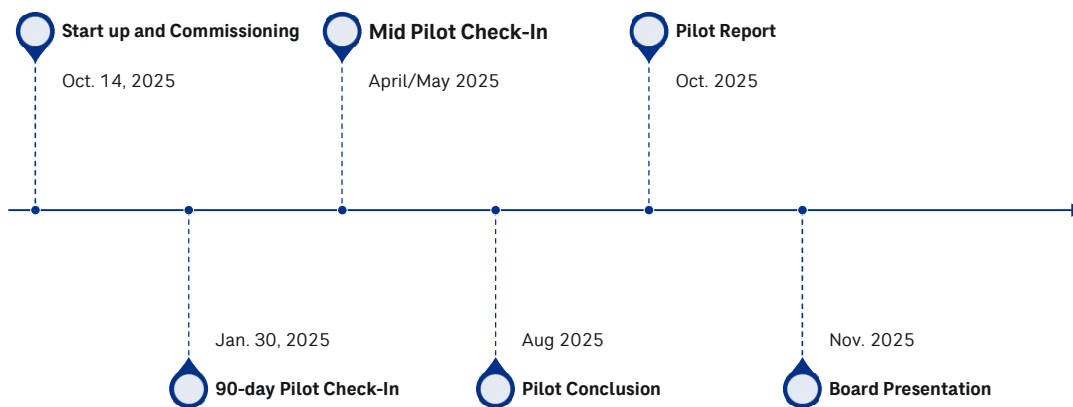
Pilot Status Update

- Pilot Operation
 - Up and running in Oct. 2024
 - Successful collaboration
 - Successfully removing PFAS!
- Design Phase
 - SL-2023-134 funding approved for design activities
 - Future SRF funding needs
 - Design and filter optimization scope and fee in progress



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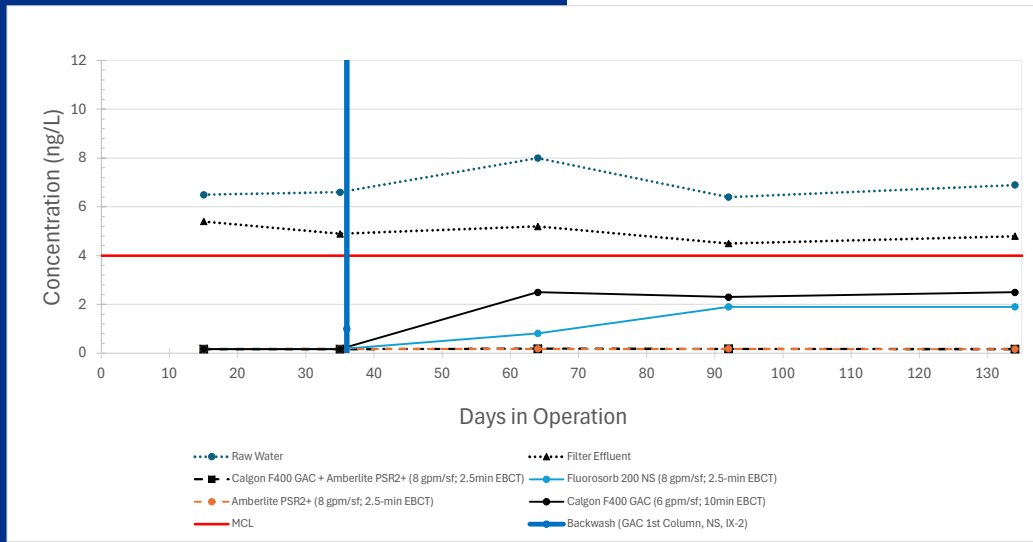
Pilot Schedule



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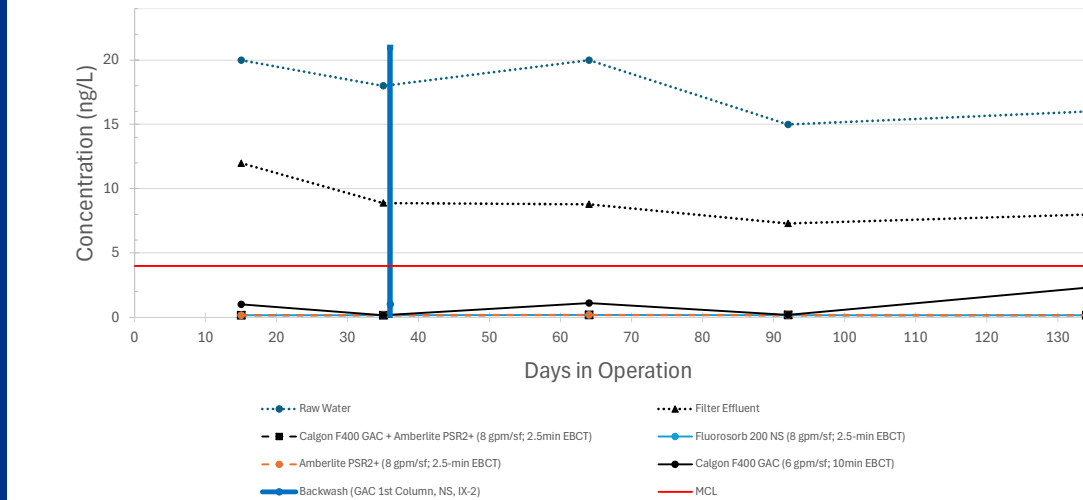
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PFOS

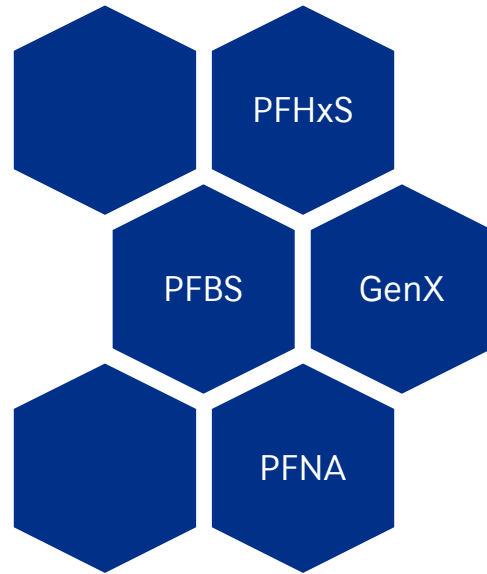


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Other Regulated PFAS Pilot Summary

- Either non-detect or below MCL in **raw water** samples.
- Non-detect or below laboratory reporting limit in **post pilot water** samples.



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Funding Update



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Funding Sources

Total Project Cost

- \$26 M Planning Budget
- Pilot study to estimate treatment costs only
- Preliminary design to provide first engineer's opinion of costs.

SL 2023-134

- \$4,925,000 secured
- Approved to use for planning and engineering design

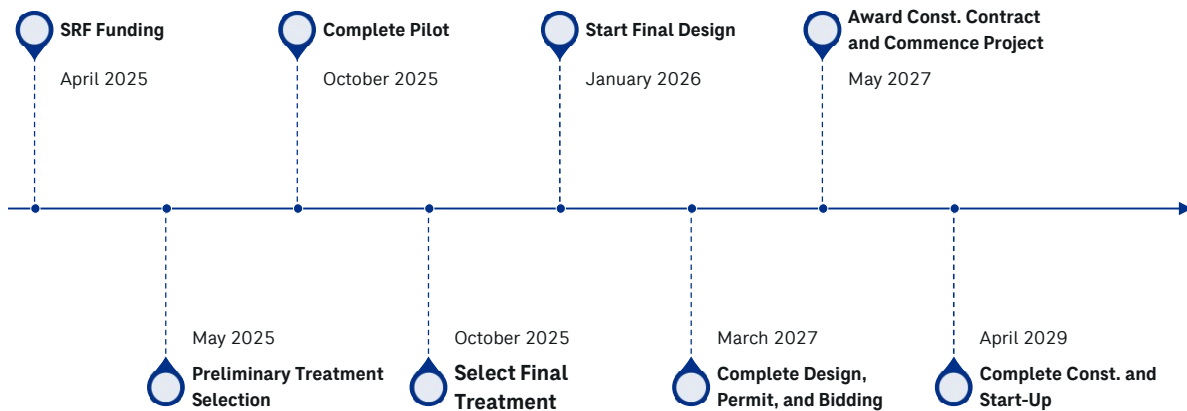
Future SRF Funding

- CDM to prepare Spring Application



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Project Schedule



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