

July 27, 2026

RE: Notice of New Law PFAS Monitoring Requirement

Dear Facility Owner/Operator:

This letter serves as the notice required by a new law passed by the Virginia General Assembly, 2026 Va. Acts 709, 710, amending Va. Code § 62.1-44.34:32 (the “Law”). The Law requires publicly owned treatment works like HRSD to provide notice to certain industrial user owners or operators, within 30 days of the Law’s July 1, 2026 effective date, that they must initiate quarterly per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) monitoring.

PFAS are defined by Va. Code § 62.1-44.34:29 and more information on their widespread use and related concerns is available on the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality’s website at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/news-info/shortcuts/topics-of-interest/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

HRSD has determined that your facility is subject to the quarterly PFAS monitoring and reporting requirement established by the Law.

Your HRSD Direct Wastewater Discharge Permits will be amended to incorporate the PFAS self-monitoring requirement. **Quarterly monitoring shall begin during the fourth quarter of 2026 (October 1 through December 31, 2026).** Unless otherwise approved by HRSD, all PFAS analytical results shall be submitted to HRSD no later than 30 days after receipt of the laboratory report or by the 10th day of the month following the end of the applicable monitoring period (i.e., January 10, April 10, July 10, or October 10), whichever occurs first.

HRSD strongly recommends that Industrial Users promptly secure laboratory services to ensure timely completion of required monitoring and submission of analytical results in accordance with the Law. Quarterly monitoring shall continue until HRSD notifies you in writing that monitoring may be discontinued pursuant to the Law and you have received an amended HRSD Direct Wastewater Discharge Permit reflecting that change.

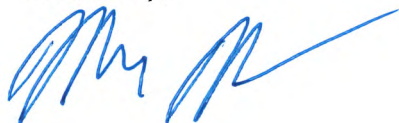
Quarterly PFAS monitoring shall be conducted using the current version of the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Test Method 1633. Monitoring reports shall include analytical results for all PFAS analytes identified in the current HRSD PFAS list, available at www.hrsd.com.

PFAS analytical results submitted to HRSD shall be generated by a laboratory accredited to perform EPA Test Method 1633. Although HRSD cannot recommend a specific laboratory or testing service, information regarding PFAS analytical methods is available on the U.S. EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/frequent-questions-about-pfas-methods-npdes-permits> and the Virginia Consolidated Laboratory Services maintains a list of accredited labs authorized to perform EPA Test Method 1633 on its website at <https://dgs.virginia.gov/division-of-consolidated-laboratory-services/certification-accreditation/find-a-lab> (click “Accredited Commercial Laboratories under 1VAC30-46 with accreditation detail” link and search for Method 1633-accredited labs).

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, you may contact me at mmartin@hrsd.com or 757.460.7039

Thank you for your attention to this new legal requirement imposed by the Virginia General Assembly.

Sincerely,



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