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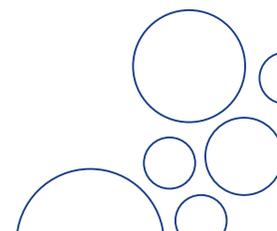
**Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0583**

California Water Service (Cal Water) appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Announcement of Preliminary Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Drinking Water Contaminant List. Specifically, Cal Water commends the EPA for issuing the preliminary regulatory decision for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and potentially other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

As it has been since our founding more than 90 years ago, protecting our customers' health and safety is our highest priority. Each year, we invest hundreds of millions of dollars into our water systems to ensure we continue to deliver reliable, high-quality drinking water. We have responded to PFAS with the same vigor. Cal Water is monitoring water sources for PFAS and taking action where needed. From removing water supply sources from service to constructing new water treatment facilities, we have worked diligently to ensure the safety of the drinking water we provide to our customers. And, to ensure that the responsible parties bear the costs of addressing PFAS contamination instead of our customers, we have filed a lawsuit against a group of companies that manufactured and sold firefighting foam products that released PFAS into the environment.

On behalf of the nearly 2 million Californians we serve, Cal Water respectfully encourages the EPA to establish a national primary drinking water regulation (NDWR) for PFOS and PFOA as soon as reasonably possible, while adhering to a consistent and appropriate science-based regulatory process.

Transparent, decisive action under the Safe Drinking Water Act is not only necessary to address a growing public health concern over PFAS, but also to help reassure communities across the country about the safety of their drinking water.





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Like the EPA, we are dedicated to protecting our customers' health and safety. The swift establishment of an NDWR for PFOS and PFOA will provide water suppliers across the country with the information they need to design and construct appropriate treatment facilities or take alternative actions to ensure the water they provide continues to be safe for customers to drink.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to comment. We stand ready and willing to assist the EPA as it embarks upon this important regulatory process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is any additional information we may be able to provide.

Thank you for your work to protect the safety of America's drinking water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Dean", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shannon Dean

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