



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

RE: Louisiana Public Water Systems Selected for U.S. EPA's Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5)

Dear UCMR 5 Louisiana Public Water Systems,

EPA, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), wishes to reach out to Louisiana Public Water Systems (PWSs) regarding the requirements for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). The UCMR 5 requires certain Louisiana PWSs to collect drinking water samples for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium analysis during a 12-month period between 2023 and 2025.

To assist EPA with the UCMR 5, EPA is working with a contractor to conduct outreach to the UCMR 5 selected PWSs. The name of this contractor is the Great Lakes Environmental Center, Inc. (GLEC) that is based in Traverse City, Michigan. Outreach conducted can be through emails from the [UCMR5@glec.com](mailto:UCMR5@glec.com) email address and/or by telephone from area code 231 or phone number 1-800-949-1581. EPA can verify that GLEC is a legitimate organization that is providing contractor support to the EPA for the UCMR 5.

Please also note that sampling for the UCMR 5 will be the responsibility of the PWS and not the LDH sampling contractor. Please ensure that PWS staff is aware of all sampling requirements, locations, and dates.

For more information on the UCMR 5, please see the following resources:

- [UCMR 5 Website](#)
- [EPA Approved Laboratories for UCMR 5](#)
- For CDX/SDWARS 5 registration issues, please contact the CDX Help Desk at [helpdesk@epacdx.net](mailto:helpdesk@epacdx.net) or call 1-888-890-1995
- For general questions about requirements or navigating SDWARS, please contact the UCMR Message Center at [UCMR5@glec.com](mailto:UCMR5@glec.com) or 1-800-949-1581

Should you have any questions regarding any UCMR 5 emails or phone calls, please contact the EPA Region 6 Drinking Water Section and speak with Mr. Jatin Mistry at 214-665-7483 or send an email to ([mistry.jatin@epa.gov](mailto:mistry.jatin@epa.gov)) for further assistance.

EPA looks forward to working with you to carry out the UCMR 5 preparation and monitoring. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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