

SWAG Meeting

December 4, 2025 | 6:30-8:30pm

Hybrid Meeting: Portsmouth City Hall Conference Rm A and Zoom

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introduction & Approval of Minutes – Andrea Amico, SWAG co-chair
2. Lead update - Mason Caceres, Assistant Water Resource Manager
3. Quarterly Water Supply Update – Al Pratt, Water Resource Director & SWAG co-chair
4. Master Plan project updates – Al Pratt
5. PFAS update - Andrea Amico
6. SWAG end of year summary/recommendations to City Council - Andrea Amico
7. Public comment

Portsmouth Schools – Lead Testing Update

Ken Lynchey, Portsmouth Schools - Director of Maintenance

Portsmouth and Pease Water Systems – Service Line Outreach & Lead Testing Updates



Safe Water Advisory Group
December 4, 2025

Service Line Notifications

- November 17 - Total of 2,327 service line notification letters sent to customers with an unknown section of service or to those identified as galvanized steel.
 - Galvanized service notices: 130
 - Unknown on customer-owned section: 442 notices
 - Prompts scheduled inspection at water meters
 - Unknown on city-owned section: 1,755 notices
- Total customer responses (calls & emails): 80+
- Free lead testing kits requested: 33
 - Will be compiled and delivered to these residents by the end of next week.



Potholing Efforts

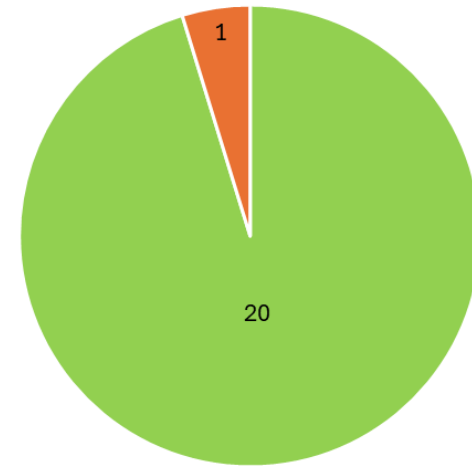
- Targeting developments that have hotspots of unknown service line materials on city-side portion: starting with Maple Haven (132 “unknowns”)
- Required to identify 36% of development, or 48 random service lines to “rule-out” the rest.
 - 15 pothole excavations accomplished since October – all copper
 - Will continue potholing in the Spring



Lead Testing Data – Compliance & Beyond

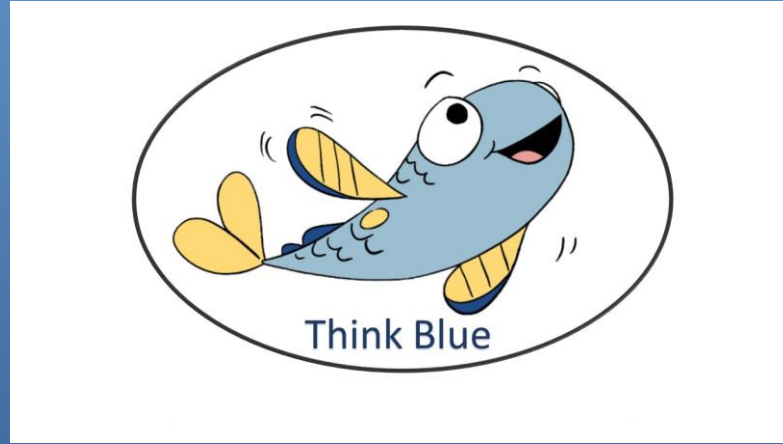
- See last SWAG meeting presentation or City of Portsmouth's website for Portsmouth Water System's latest lead data.
- Pease Tradeport routine monitoring results (Q4, 2025):
 - 21 samples collected from homes in Newington and businesses throughout trade port.
 - Only 1 detection at 1.2 ppb or ug/L

2025 Pease Tradeport Lead Monitoring Results



■ Non Detect ■ 1 to 2 ppb

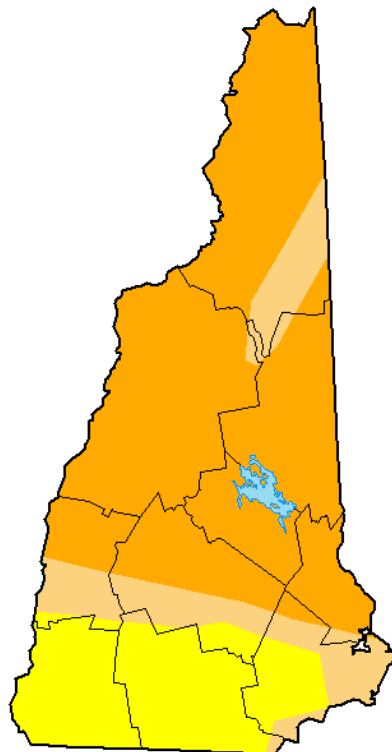
Portsmouth and Pease Water Supply Update









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U.S. Drought Monitor New Hampshire

December 2, 2025
(Released Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

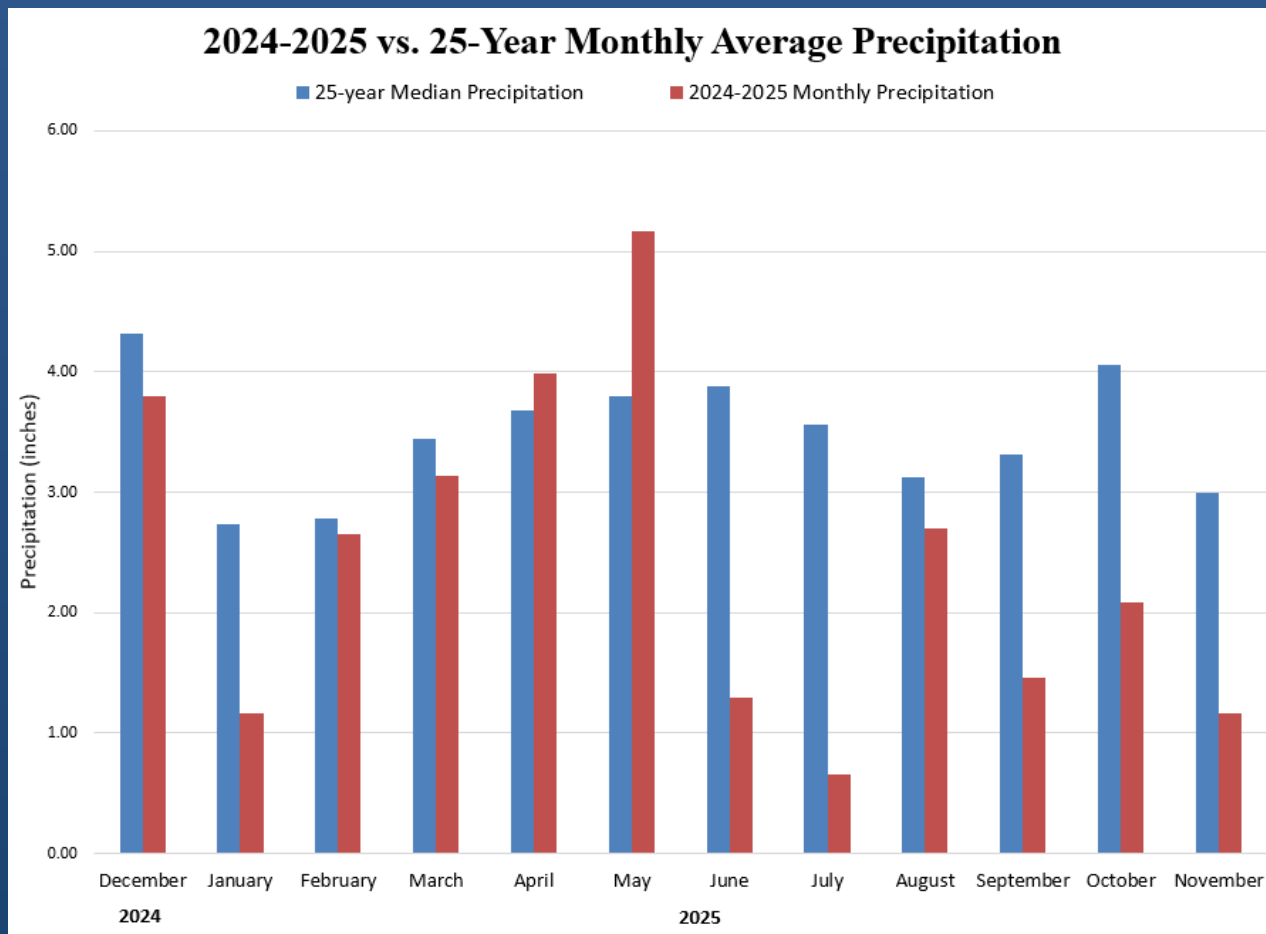
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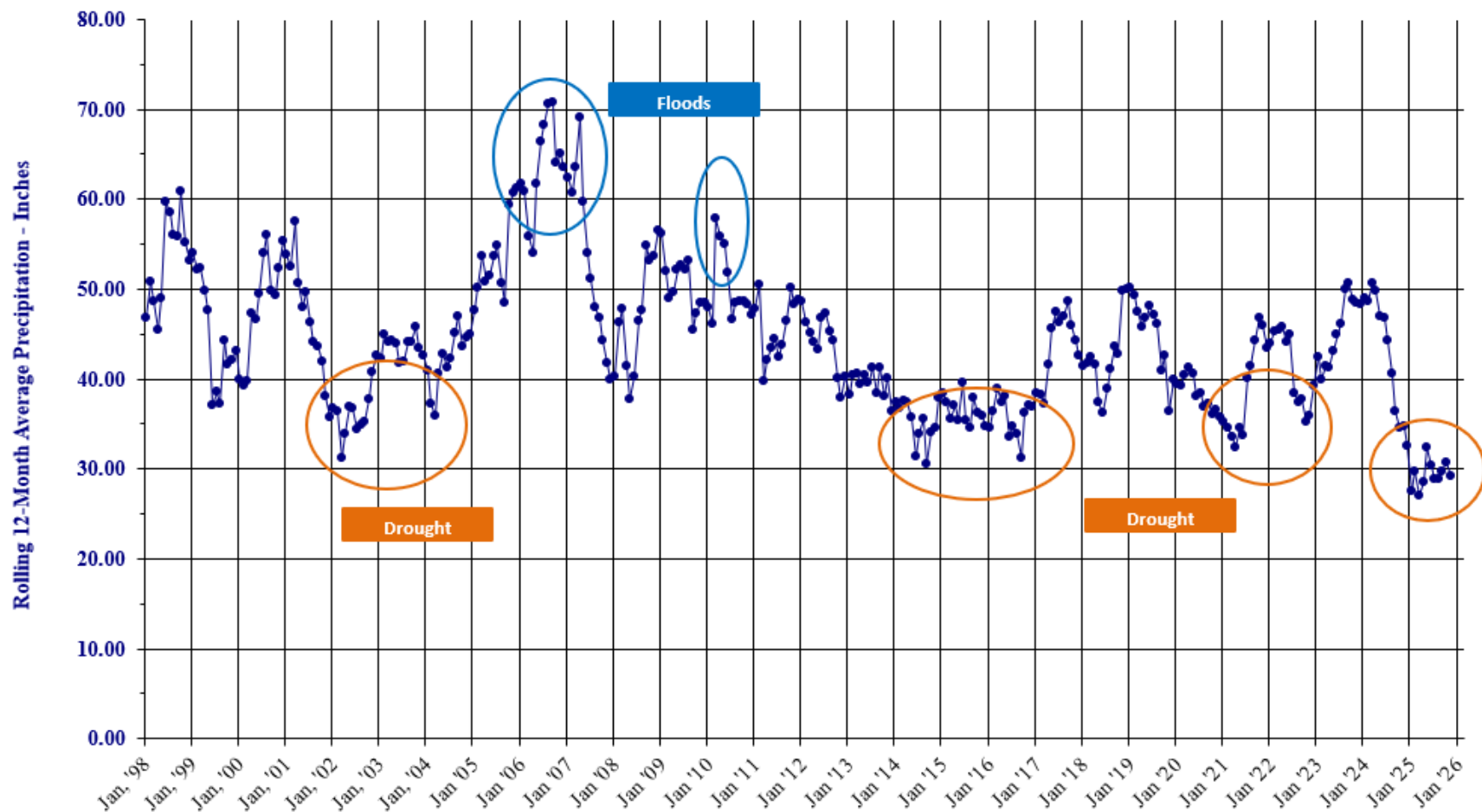


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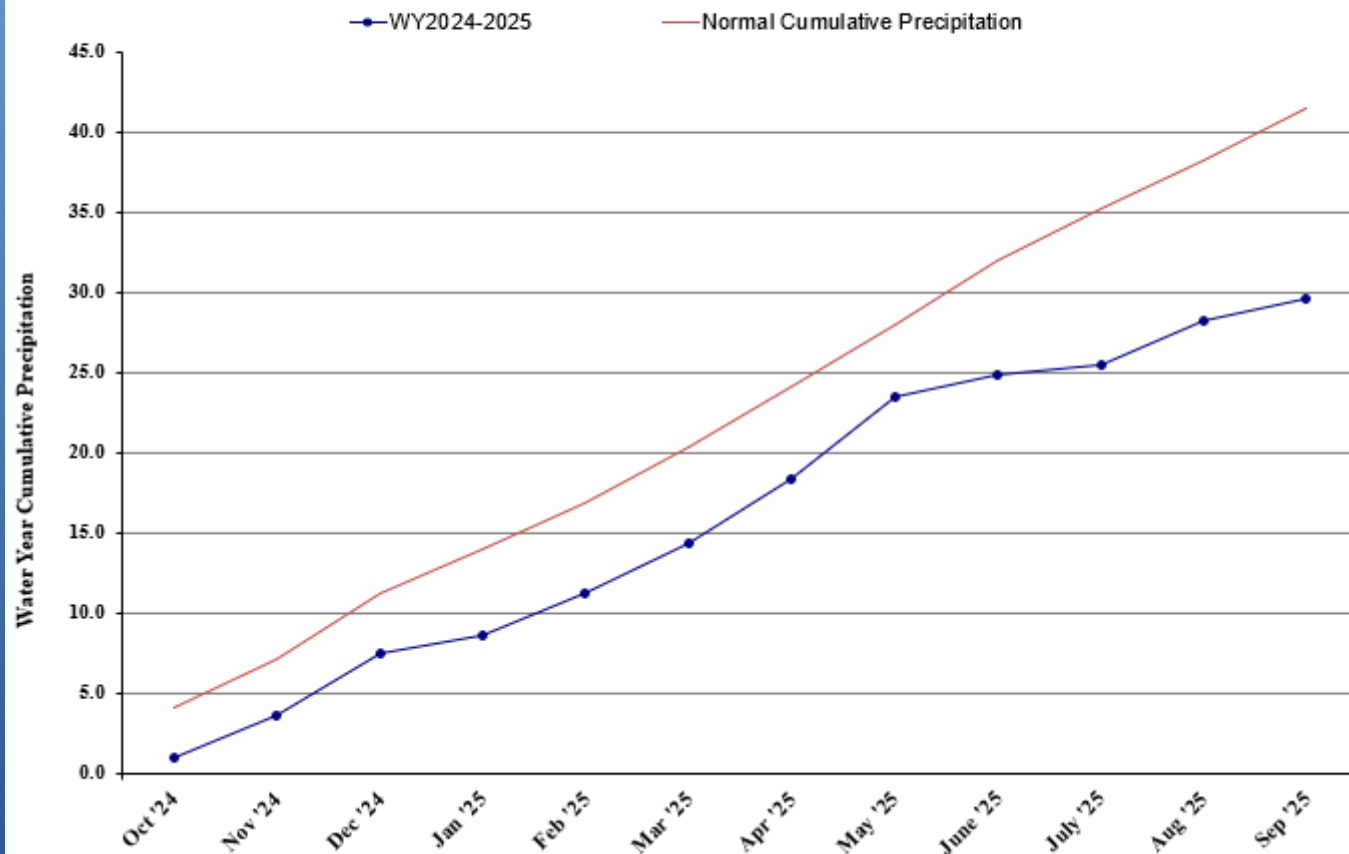
Precipitation – 30% Below Normal Annual Average



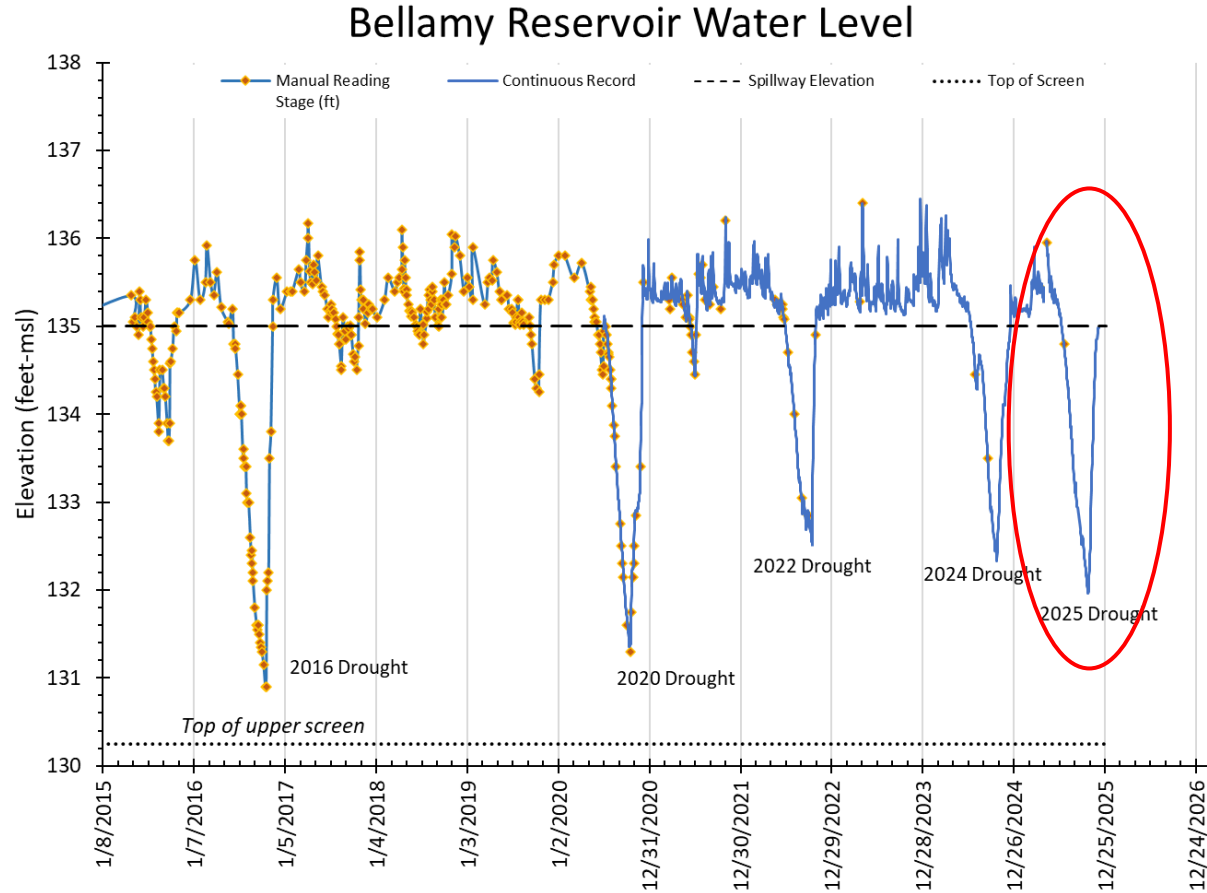
Precipitation - Portsmouth, NH - 1998 to 2025



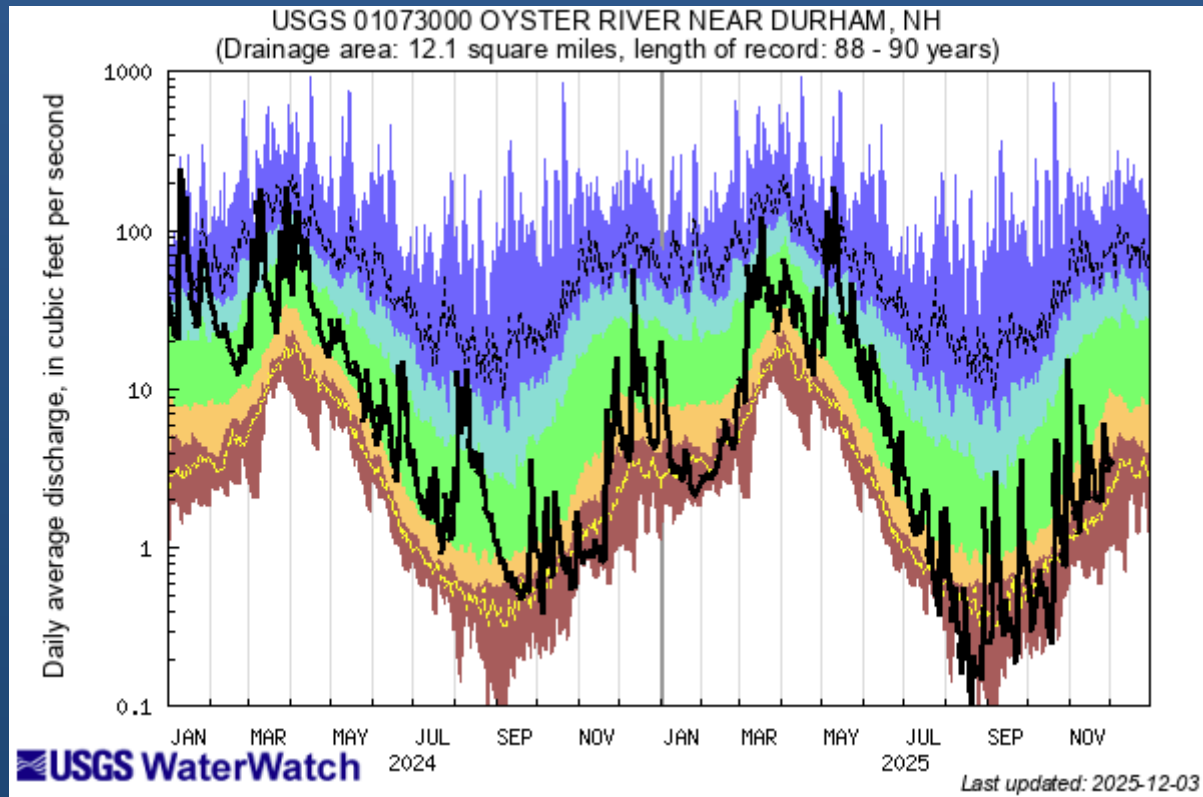
Cumulative Water Year Precipitation October 2024 - September 2025










Surface Water Conditions

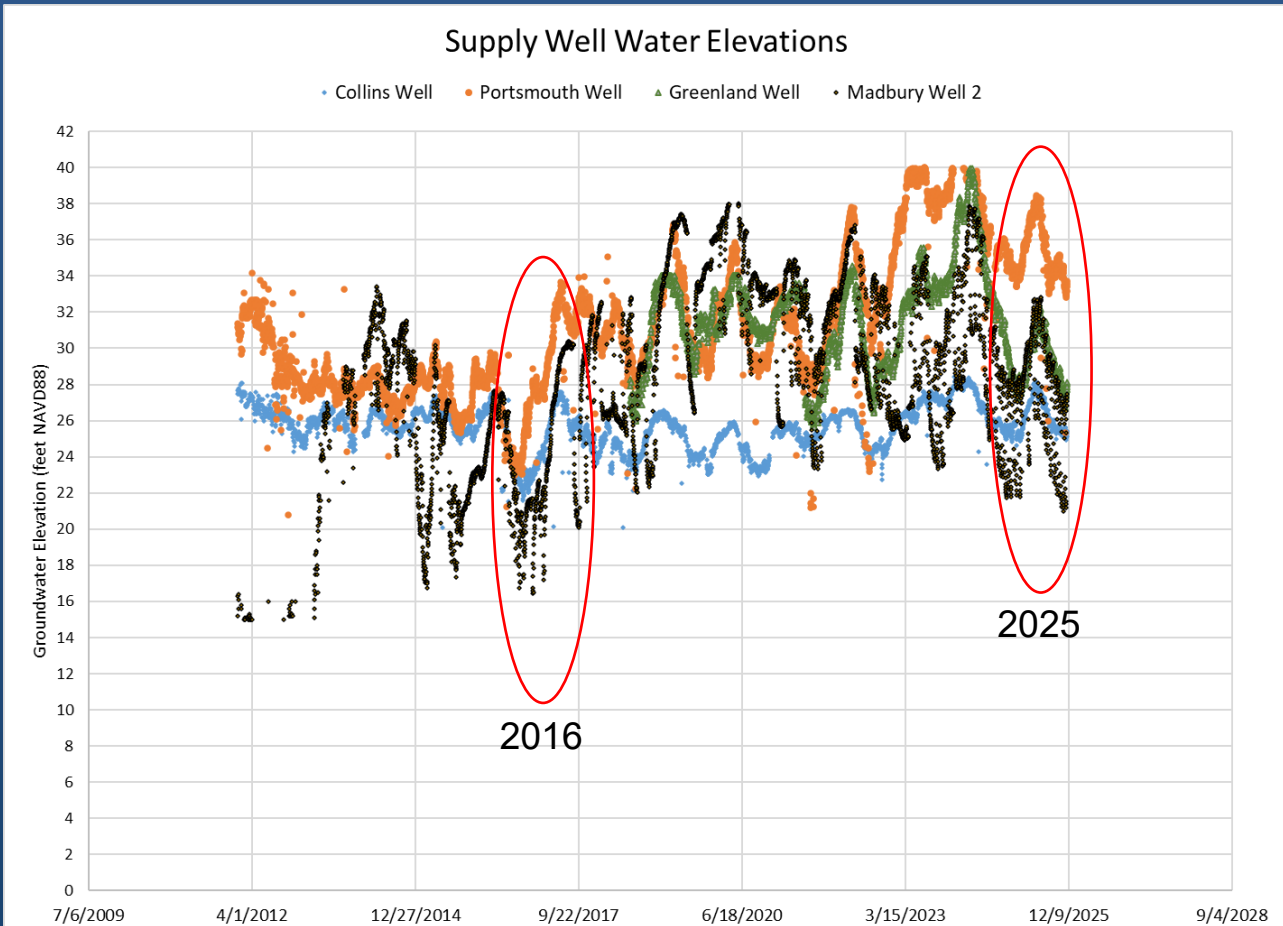


Stream Flow

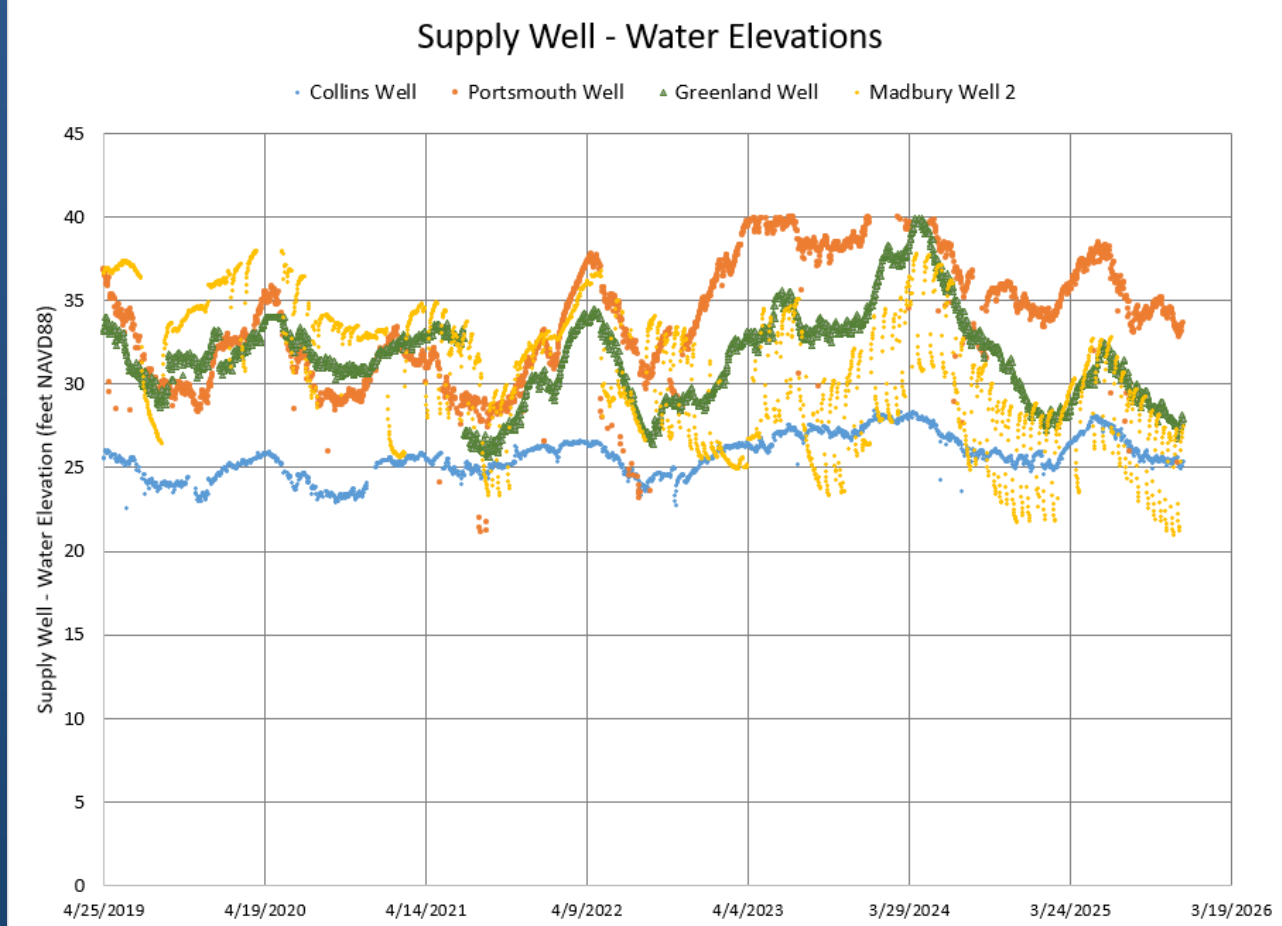


Explanation - Percentile classes						
						
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile-highest
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		Flow

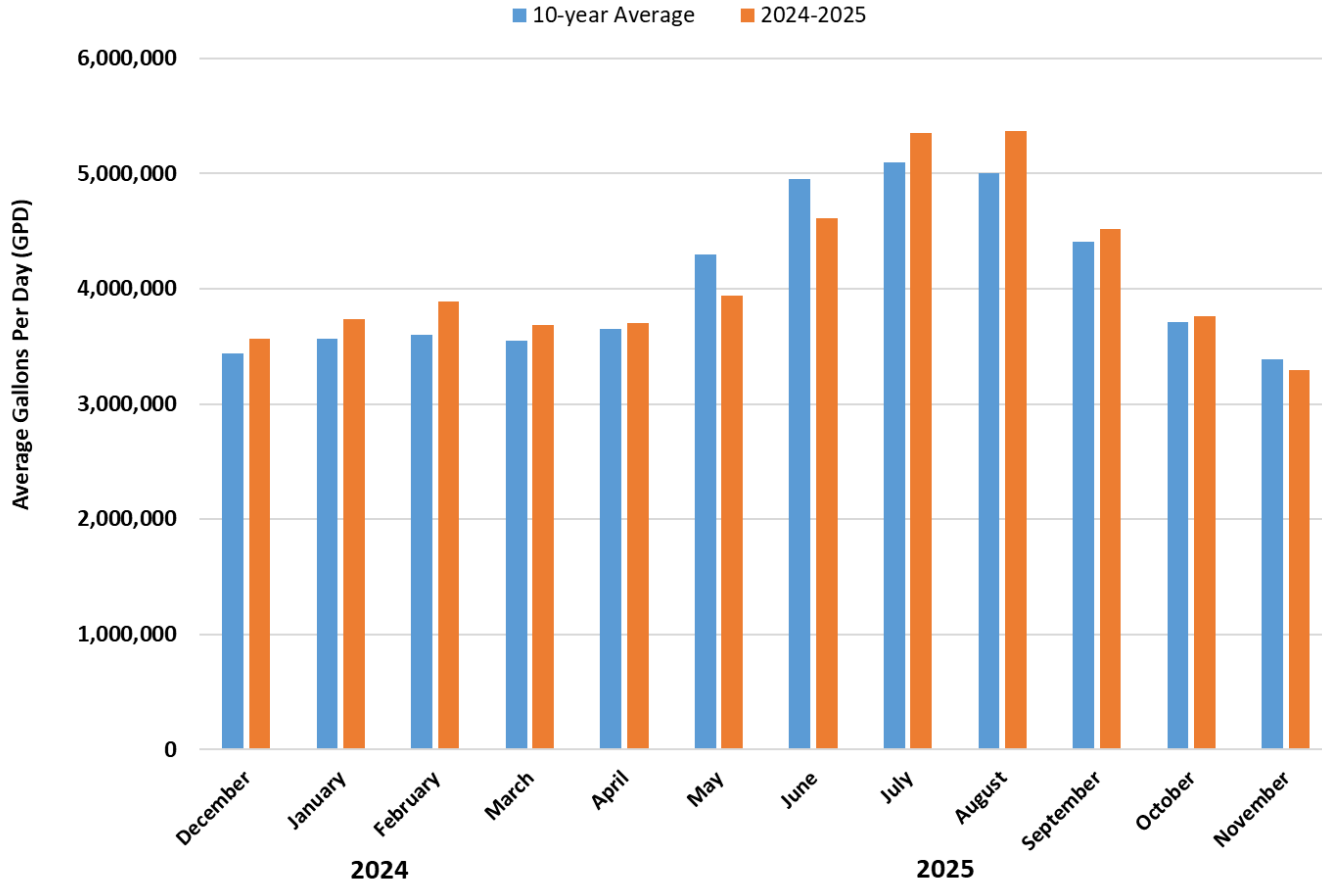
Groundwater Levels



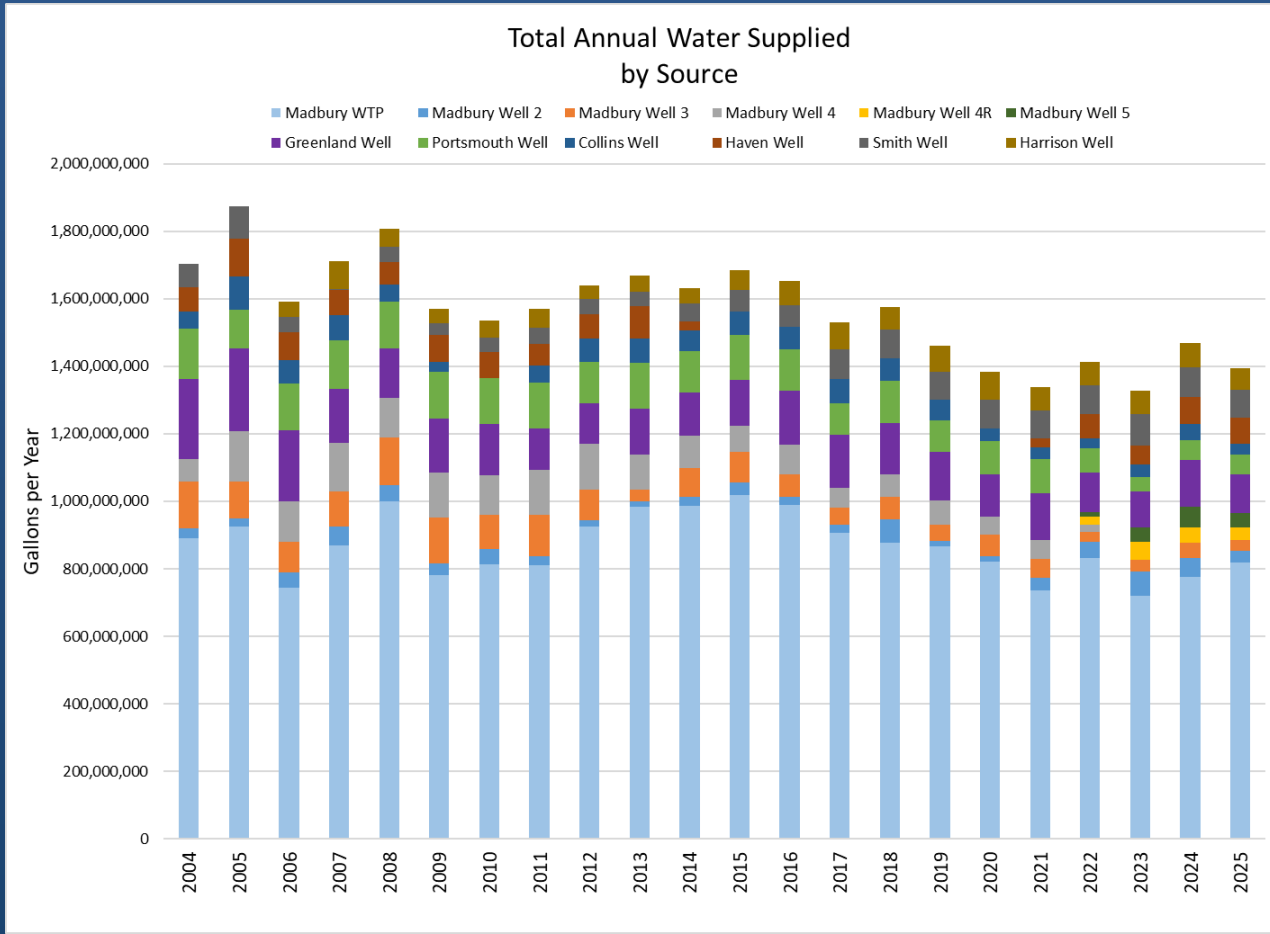
Groundwater Levels



Portsmouth & Pease Water Systems Average Daily Water Production



Supply Production



12-Month Rolling Average January 2025 – December 2025

12-MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE 2025 Q4		EPA MCL (2024)	NH MCL	RAW*	MADBURY WTP FINISHED	MADBURY WELL 2	MADBURY WELL 3	MADBURY WELL 4	MADBURY WELL 5	PORTSMOUTH WELL	COLLINS WELL	GREENLAND WELL	PEASE WTP
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid(PFHxS)	ng/L	10	18	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.3	7.6	2.3	1.9	0.0
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	ng/L	4	15	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.6	1.0	5.5	4.4	3.4	0.0
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	ng/L	4	12	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.7	7.0	4.2	4.2	0.0
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	ng/L	10	11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA)	ng/L	10		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	ng/L			0.9	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.2	4.3	11.0	2.2	0.0
Hazard Index*		1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0

* Hazard Index MCL = (HFPO-DA/10)+(PFBS/2000)+(PFNA/10)+(PFHxS/10)

<https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/publicworks/water/portsmouth-water-system-pfas-updates>

Pease Former Air Force Base Information

- EPA Superfund Site (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA))
- US Air Force - responsible party
- US Environmental Protection Agency - administers CERCLA program
- NH Department of Environmental Services - supporting agency
- City of Portsmouth – impacted stakeholder

Pease Former Air Force Base Information

Online Information

■ EPA – Pease Superfund Site

- <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.cleanup&id=0101213>

■ US Air Force

- Administrative Record
- Restoration Advisory Board
- <https://www.afcec.af.mil/Home/BRAC/Pease.aspx>

■ NH DES

- <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/dod-pease.pdf>
- <https://www.pfas.des.nh.gov/pfas-occurrences/pease-air-force-base>

Water Supply Project Updates

- Smith Well & Harrison Well Cleaning and Rehabilitation
- Bellamy Dam Repair
- Service Line Inventory
- PFAS Treatment Design – Greenland Well
- PFAS Treatment Design – Portsmouth and Collins Wells
- Storage Tank Painting & Rehabilitation
- Little Bay Water Transmission Main Rehabilitation Project

Smith Well & Harrison Well Cleaning

- October 14th – December 8th
- Cleaned screens
- Replaced pumps
- Treated discharge



Bellamy Reservoir Dam Maintenance

- Minor seepage and efflorescence
- Epoxy injections
- Cement mortar patching
- 70% complete – finish in the Spring



Service Line Inventory

- Annual Updated Inventory Submitted to NHDES
- Letters delivered to owners with unknown and galvanized service lines per EPA Rule

Potholing / Vacuum Excavations of Service Line Curb-Stop Valves

- First Neighborhoods (DPW Crew)
 - Maple Haven (October-December)
 - Elwyn Park (Spring)
- Letters sent to selected residence
- RFP and Contractor for subsequent years
- Inventory must be complete by 2034



Greenland Well – PFAS Treatment

- Final design on-going
- Construction anticipated 2026 - 2028
- Two (2) Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) vessels
- Testing old well for backup supply

November 2025 Data

PFOA: 4.38 ppt

PFOS: 3.72 ppt

PFHxS: 1.97 ppt

PFNA: ND

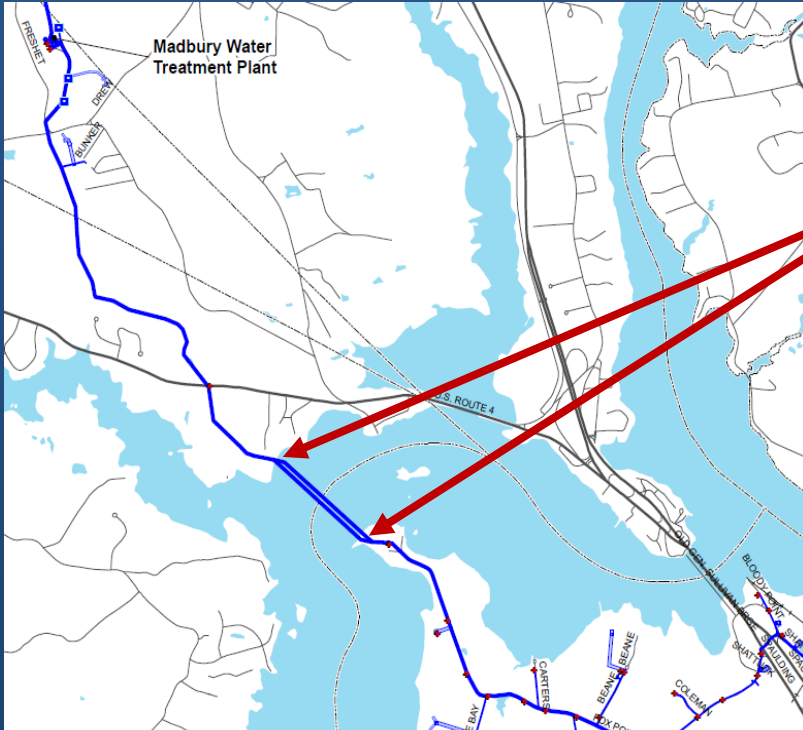


Water Storage Tank Painting & Rehabilitation

- Spinney Road Tank
 - Spot Rehab & Paint Exterior
 - Spring 2026
- Newington Booster Tank
 - Full Rehab
 - Paint Interior & Exterior
 - Fall 2026
- Lafayette Tank
 - Spot Rehab Interior & Exterior



Little Bay Water Transmission Main Resilience Project



■ Phase 1 – Valve Project

- Construction is Complete
- Two new valves installed on the lines that run under Little Bay
- Two 20" taps and valves installed in the PCCP for third main preparation

■ Phase 2 – New Main

- Permitting of Modified Design
- Engineer's Opinion of Cost
- Evaluate Funding Options

PFAS update



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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Date: September 24, 2025

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New Hampshire Receives First PFAS Settlement Payment of Nearly \$8 Million from 3M Company for Public Drinking Water Systems

Concord, NH – Attorney General John M. Formella announces that New Hampshire has received an initial payment of \$7,960,660.29 from the 3M Company's nationwide PFAS settlement of public drinking water systems claims. The funds will be deposited in the N.H. Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund ("DWGTF") pursuant to RSA 485-H:6 for distribution to eligible public drinking water systems across the State.

"Our state is a national leader in holding polluters accountable and promoting access to safe, clean drinking water for our citizens," said Governor Kelly A. Ayotte. "I'm proud to see New Hampshire receive this first settlement payment today, and I thank the hardworking men and women at the Department of Justice and Department of Environmental Services who fought for it. We will continue to address PFAS contamination and ensure a healthier future for all of New Hampshire."

"I am proud to announce this initial influx of substantial settlement funds to support the Granite State's public water systems as they work with our Department of Environmental Services to address PFAS contamination and continue to provide safe, clean drinking water to Granite Staters," said Attorney General Formella. "New Hampshire has led the charge against these emerging health threats, and we will continue to hold those responsible accountable. I want to thank the members of our New Hampshire Department of Justice Environmental Protection Bureau and staff

<https://www.doj.nh.gov/news-and-media/new-hampshire-receives-first-pfas-settlement-payment-nearly-8-million-3m-company>

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Funds from PFAS settlements are coming to New Hampshire. How will they reach affected towns?

BY: **MOLLY RAINS** - NOVEMBER 20, 2025 5:00 AM



<https://newhampshirebulletin.com/2025/11/20/funds-from-pfas-settlements-are-coming-to-new-hampshire-how-will-they-reach-affected-towns/>

PFAS Update

The New York Times

Defense Department Delays Cleanup of 'Forever Chemicals' Nationwide

The new timeline could slow cleanup in some communities by nearly a decade. The chemicals, widely used in the military, are linked to cancers and other health risks.



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<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/23/climate/military-defense-pfas-forever-chemicals-cleanup-delay.html>

PROGRESS AT THE 718 INSTALLATIONS BEING ASSESSED FOR PFAS USE OR POTENTIAL RELEASE

DOD COMPONENT	STATE/ TERRITORY	INSTALLATION TYPE	INSTALLATION NAME	PA/ SI STATUS	ESTIMATED PA/ SI END DATE	RI/ FS STATUS	ESTIMATED RI/ FS END DATE	CLEANUP STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	ACTUAL OBLIGATIONS THROUGH FY 2022 (\$000)	PLANNED OBLIGATIONS IN FY 2024 (\$000)	PLANNED OBLIGATIONS AFTER FY 2024 (\$000)*
Air Force	Mississippi	Active	Resolute AFB	Complete		Underway	202209	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,322	0	10,199
Air Force	Mississippi	National Guard	Key Field	Complete		Underway	202209	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,836	0	30,219
Air Force	Missouri	National Guard	Lambert, St. Louis	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	78	0	16,405
Air Force	Missouri	BRAC	Richards-Gebauer AFB	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	733	0	8,906
Air Force	Missouri	National Guard	Rosecrans Memorial	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	97	0	18,480
Air Force	Missouri	Active	Whiteman AFB	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	953	0	18,833
Air Force	Montana	National Guard	Great Falls International Airport	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	239	56	35,047
Air Force	Montana	Active	Malstrom AFB	Complete		Underway	202709	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	2,594	0	27,618
Air Force	Nebraska	National Guard	Lincoln Municipal	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	197	0	25,648
Air Force	Nebraska	Active	Offutt AFB	Complete		Underway	202209	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,612	0	53,089
Air Force	Nevada	Active	Creech AFB	Complete		Underway	202709	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	6,581	0	36,451
Air Force	Nevada	Active	Nellis AFB	Complete		Underway	202206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	8,940	0	62,741
Air Force	Nevada	National Guard	Reese Taboe	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	113	0	25,547
Air Force	New Hampshire	Active	New Boston Space Force Station	Complete		Underway	202209	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,476	0	15,366
Air Force	New Hampshire	National Guard	Pease	Complete				PA/ SI Completed - Additional Work will be Combined with Work Being Conducted at Another Installation	0	0	0
Air Force	New Hampshire	BRAC	Pease AFB	Complete		Underway	202507	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	87,907	6,933	433,249

Progress as of June 30, 2024

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PROGRESS AT THE 723 INSTALLATIONS BEING ASSESSED FOR PFAS USE OR POTENTIAL RELEASE

DOD COMPONENT	STATE/ TERRITORY	INSTALLATION TYPE	INSTALLATION NAME	PA/ SI STATUS	ESTIMATED PA/ SI END DATE	RI/ FS STATUS	ESTIMATED RI/ FS END DATE	CLEANUP STATUS AS OF MARCH 31, 2025	ACTUAL OBLIGATIONS THROUGH FY 2025 (\$000)	PLANNED OBLIGATIONS IN FY 2025 (\$000)	PLANNED OBLIGATIONS AFTER FY 2025 (\$000)*
Air Force	Missouri	National Guard	Rosecrans Memorial	Complete		Underway	203509	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	1,648	0	16,145
Air Force	Missouri	Active	Whiteman AFB	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	953	0	17,236
Air Force	Montana	National Guard	Great Falls International Airport	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	239	56	22,337
Air Force	Montana	Active	Malstrom AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	2,594	0	27,601
Air Force	Nebraska	National Guard	Lincoln Municipal	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	197	0	16,640
Air Force	Nebraska	Active	Offutt AFB	Complete		Underway	203302	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,612	0	50,369
Air Force	Nevada	Active	Creech AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	6,581	0	32,013
Air Force	Nevada	Active	Nellis AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	8,940	0	57,736
Air Force	Nevada	National Guard	Reese Taboe	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	113	0	0
Air Force	New Hampshire	Active	New Boston Space Force Station	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	3,476	500	13,048
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Air Force	New Hampshire	BRAC	Pease AFB	Complete		Underway	203109	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	95,440	12,269	444,618
Air Force	New Jersey	National Guard	Atlantic City	Complete		Planned		PA/ SI Completed - RI Planned	571	0	32,947
Air Force	New Jersey	Active	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	34,228	1,579	272,185
Air Force	New Mexico	Active	Cannon AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	74,610	202	42,201
Air Force	New Mexico	Active	Holloman AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	4,090	0	24,562
Air Force	New Mexico	Active	Kirtland AFB	Complete		Underway	203206	PA/ SI Completed - RI Underway	2,470	0	325

Progress as of March 31, 2025

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PFAS Update

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

We write in response to the Department of Defense's (DOD) recent report indicating significant delays in the investigation and cleanup of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. This development is troubling given the long history of PFAS use and contamination linked to the sites, the well-documented health risks these "forever chemicals" pose, and the Department's obligation to protect service members, veterans, and surrounding communities from harmful exposure. We are especially concerned about any delays at military cleanup sites in New Hampshire. We request that the department provide a written response outlining a list of all PFAS investigation or cleanup timelines that have been revised since January 2024 at Pease Air Force Base (AFB) and New Boston Space Force Station. Please include the prior target dates, the new dates, and the reasons for the change by December 1, 2025.

For decades, DOD relied on PFAS-based firefighting foams and other materials at hundreds of installations, including Pease Air Force Base (AFB) and New Boston Space Force Station. PFAS exposure poses serious health risks not only to service members but also to surrounding communities contaminated by PFAS run-off, most often found in their drinking water. Studies have shown clear associations between PFAS exposure and kidney and testicular cancer, thyroid disease, elevated cholesterol, immune suppression, and pregnancy complications. In recognition of these risks, the Department has committed to an investigation and remediation process of PFAS at hundreds of military installations and to keep Congress and affected communities informed of its progress.

New Hampshire delegation calls for transparency on military contamination cleanup

New Hampshire Public Radio | By Mara Hoplamazian
Published November 28, 2025 at 6:02 AM EST



Don Tuohy / NHPR

A water tower at the Pease former air force base.

New Hampshire's congressional delegation is asking the U.S. Department of Defense to provide more information on potential delays to cleanup projects at sites contaminated with PFAS chemicals in New Hampshire.

SWAG end of year summary/recommendations to City Council

SWAG has historically sent a written report to the City Council at the end of the two year term summarizing our meetings, membership changes, changes in regulations, goals, and recommendations.

These reports (Dec 2021 and Jan 2024) can be found on the SWAG webpage under reference documents:
<https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/publicworks/water/reference-documents>

Plan to send a SWAG summary to the current council in Dec 2025 and need your input and feedback (draft copy in progress)

<https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/publicworks/water/reference-documents>

Safe Water Advisory Group
City Council Report 01/08/2024

Background:

The City of Portsmouth Safe Water Advisory Group (SWAG) was approved by the Portsmouth City Council on October 5, 2020 "as an advisory group related to Safe Drinking Water". The mission of the SWAG is to review and communicate the latest science on the health and environmental effects of drinking water contaminants (with a heavy focus on PFAS), to monitor federal and state level legislative changes, and to anticipate policy changes that could impact the city of Portsmouth. It is important to note that SWAG meetings have consistently covered topics on the City's water quantity, quality, preservation and conservation efforts, and projects pertaining to the water master planning through the City's annual Capital Improvement Plan process and other engineering studies.

The SWAG held an initial meeting on December 15, 2020, to discuss format, schedule, and a mission for the group. The SWAG members were Brian Goetz (Deputy Director of Public Works) and Andrea Amico (PFAS community leader), leading the group in setting content and speakers, and facilitating the meetings. The City of Portsmouth maintains a website for the SWAG with reference documents, meeting minutes, videos of meetings, membership, and more. Since the SWAG formed, the

Safe Water Advisory Group
City Council Report 12/20/2021

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Membership:

The SWAG membership consists of representatives from the Portsmouth City Council, NH State Legislature, City of Portsmouth staff (DPW, Fire Department, and Health Department), Portsmouth School Board Member, Portsmouth residents, and an

Draft SWAG Recommendations to the Council 2025

Specific items for consideration by City Council are as follows:

1. Reinstatement of the SWAG for a two-year term ending on December 31, 2027
2. Approval of the following revised mission statement.
Additional information regarding this change is provided on page 6.

To review and communicate the latest science on the health and environmental effects of PFAS, to monitor federal and state level legislative changes, and to anticipate policy changes that could impact the City of Portsmouth. To discuss topics relevant to the City's drinking water quantity, water quality, preservation and conservation efforts, and water infrastructure projects. To discuss public health aspects of water quality, support and provide public education about drinking water topics, and take proactive stances to protect and conserve water quality and quantity.

3. Adjustment of the number of community members from three to five to allow increased community involvement.

4. Appointment of the following members to the SWAG.

City Councilors: as assigned by the Mayor

Community Members: Andrea Amico, Katrie Hillman, Rich DiPentima

City of Portsmouth Fire Department: William McQuillen

City of Portsmouth Water Department: Al Pratt

City of Portsmouth Health Department: Kim McNamara

City of Portsmouth School Board: as assigned by the School Board

Environmental Scientist: Dr. Laurel Schaidner

NH State Representative: David Meuse

NH State Senator: Rebecca Perkins Kwoka

Draft SWAG Recommendations to City Council 2025

- The SWAG should be reinstated in 2026 by the City Council. SWAG meetings should be conducted quarterly. DPW will continue to provide quarterly updates on water quantity, water quality, ongoing City projects pertaining to drinking water and water conservation, and provide updates and progress on infrastructure projects to the SWAG.
- The SWAG's mission should be revised as:
To review and communicate the latest science on the health and environmental effects of PFAS, to monitor federal and state level legislative changes, and to anticipate policy changes that could impact the City of Portsmouth. To discuss topics relevant to the City's drinking water quantity, water quality, preservation and conservation efforts, and water infrastructure projects. To discuss public health aspects of water quality, support and provide public education about drinking water topics, and take proactive stances to protect and conserve water quality and quantity.
- The SWAG will continue to monitor and report on developments regarding contaminants of emerging concern and discuss advanced PFAS testing opportunities to get ahead of additional PFAS that may be in the water that is not currently tested for by EPA methods.

Draft SWAG Recommendations to City Council 2025

- The SWAG will continue to monitor legislation at State & Federal levels that will help address water quality issues in the City and support with testimony on legislation that is pertinent to the City and community, as may be requested.
- The SWAG will continue to monitor developments and advances in the science related to PFPrA and other emerging PFAS chemicals detected in the City drinking water.
- The SWAG will continue to monitor the lead testing and remediation efforts at the Portsmouth School Department.
- The SWAG will continue to endorse the City's design and construction of the Greenland Well treatment system and preliminary designs of PFAS treatment for the Collins and Portsmouth wells to comply with EPA MCLs for PFAS.
- The SWAG will continue to support the City's ongoing discussions with the Air Force to pursue reimbursement for PFAS related treatment for the Portsmouth and Collins wells as they are the responsible party.

Draft SWAG Recommendations to City Council 2025

- The SWAG continues to recommend that the City consider providing alternative disposal options of PFAS-containing items (e.g., water filters at their end life, Teflon pans, etc).
- The SWAG encourages the City to continue to be engaged on developments at the Pease Tradeport that could potentially have impacts to wetlands and the drinking water.
- The SWAG continues to support funding for free lead water testing to residents as this is a valuable service to our residents in a city with old housing stock and documented exposure to some residents in the City.
- The SWAG strongly recommends the City participate in testing opportunities for emerging contaminants and contaminants of concern - especially when no cost to the City - to better understand what contaminants may be in the water supply.

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- The SWAG supports the City's efforts to identify and purchase conservation easements on land around the Bellamy Reservoir and within its watershed to ensure long term protection of the City's largest drinking water supply.
- The SWAG promotes City's Cyanobacteria monitoring at the Bellamy Reservoir and the collaboration with NHDES and their consultants to develop the best approach to cyanobacteria and cyanotoxin management.
- The SWAG recommends the City continue to request routine updates from the City of Dover regarding their monitoring and remediation efforts of the Southern Plume of the Tolend Road Landfill/Dover Municipal Landfill to ensure contamination from the landfill does not negatively affect the Bellamy Reservoir water quality.

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Though not directly related to the City's drinking water system's water quality, some members of the committee had the following recommendations:

- The SWAG should discuss the potential impacts on drinking water from Coakley Landfill in more depth at future meetings.
- The SWAG should advocate for PFAS testing of water running off the artificial turf fields to determine if there are environmental impacts to the surrounding wetlands and storm water drainage system.

Public Comment