



April 20, 2026

CRAIG MILAM
KING RANCH SUBDIVISION
PO BOX 118
FRENCHTOWN MT 59834

RE: PFAS Initial Monitoring Requirements, KING RANCH SUBDIVISION, MT0004158

Dear CRAIG MILAM:

This letter is to inform you about the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) initial monitoring requirements under the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart Z). All community (C) and non-transient, non-community systems (NTNC) are required to monitor for PFAS at the entry points to their distribution system. Initial monitoring is based on each system's specific water source and/or the population served.

KING RANCH SUBDIVISION is required to collect two semi-annual samples at each entry point to the distribution system by March 31, 2027.

You may begin sampling now; however, in developing your PFAS sampling plan, please keep in mind that samples must adhere to all the guidelines and timeline outlined below:

- Sampling Locations:
 - CH001 EP502 COMMON HEADER
- Sampling Frequency: Two (2) **semi-annual** samples must be collected at each entry point, **no less than** five (5) months apart and **no more than** seven (7) months apart.
- Timeline: All entry point samples must be collected within a 12-month period. To comply with this schedule and avoid a monitoring violation:
 - ✓ The first sample must be collected before October 30, 2026.
 - ✓ The last sample must be collected no later than March 31, 2027.

Initial monitoring results will be used to set routine monitoring frequency in 2027. Systems with incomplete or elevated results must sample quarterly. If results are satisfactory and DEQ approves, routine monitoring may be reduced to once every three years. Montana DEQ and the EPA (Region 8) are actively working to develop appropriate monitoring schedules in our database.

Thorough planning is essential for PFAS sampling to prevent costly errors, ensure precise results, and protect public health. Detailed guidance on regulatory protocols and recommended sampling procedures is available on the DEQ PFAS Rule webpage at: <https://deq.mt.gov/water/Programs/dw-rules>.

During the initial monitoring period **only**, Montana DEQ will pay for round-trip shipping of sample kits and PFAS analysis for all Community (C) and Non-transient Non-community (NTNC) systems, regardless of size and source type.

To ensure your PFAS sample shipping and analysis are paid for, follow these steps:

1. Requesting your sample kits from the contracted laboratory.

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- Contact: Terri Harlin, Client Services Manager
- Email (preferred): terri.harlin@ET.EurofinsUS.com
- Phone (optional): 909-634-4090

Provide the following information:

- System name and PWS ID (e.g., MT000XXXX)
- List of all entry points (EP5XX) noted on page 1 of this letter
- System operator contact information (email and phone).
- Shipping address for sample kits

Kits typically arrive within 10 business days (about 2 weeks).

2. Review the DEQ Sampling Guidance and prepare to take your samples

- Follow the instructions provided in the sample kit for proper collection.
- Pay close attention to the Field Reference Blank (FRB) instructions.
- Package your sample(s) as directed: double-bag loose ice and seal the cooler with clear packing tape.
- Deliver coolers to the nearest drop location promptly to maintain temperature below 10°C (not frozen).

3. Lab results will be sent to the email address provided to the lab. You will not receive an invoice for PFAS sample analysis.

We are here to support you and should you have any questions, need clarification, or require assistance, with your PFAS sampling requirements please contact me at the number below or at DEQPWSPFAS@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Neal B. Murray | *PFAS Rule Manager*

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Eurofins Drinking Water PFAS Sample Kit Request Form

Kits typically arrive within 10 business days (about 2 weeks)

1. Water System Information

System Name:	
System ID #:	
System Type:	

2. Operator Information

Operator Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

3. Shipping / Delivery Information

Street Address:			
City:			
State:		ZIP:	

Special Delivery Instructions:

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4. Entry Points Requiring Sample Kits - *Example: Main St. Well - EP503*

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Email Request Form to:

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