

Thurston PUD
Proposed 2027 EPA WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget

	Proposed 2027 Budget
Projected Beginning Fund Balance - Claim Settlements	1,132,069
Projected Beginning Fund Balance - Surcharge Collections	117,422
EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Projected Beginning Fund Balance Total	1,249,491
PFAS Remediation Expenditures	
Regulatory Water System Testing / Sampling	\$ 21,168
Chemicals - Pre Bag Filters	\$ 1,816
Purchased Power	\$ 1,875
20% Contingency on Expenditure Estimates	\$ 4,972
Total	\$ 29,831
Funding Sources	
EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminant Remediation - Surcharge Collections	\$ 196,896
Total	\$ 196,896
EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,416,557

Proposed 2027 EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget

The EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget includes expenses related to costs and funding sources associated with emerging contaminants the District is mandated to remediate by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Washington State. In April 2024, EPA set drinking water standards (maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)) for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The District was an early adopter and completed PFAS testing on all group A water systems. The PFAS tests resulted in eight (8) water systems with PFAS over the MCLs requiring treatment. In 2024 and 2025, the District secured Grant funding of \$6.9 million from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the installation of PFAS remediation treatment systems at eight (8) water systems. The remediation treatment system will require ongoing operations and maintenance including multiple regulatory testing annually, chemicals replenishments and/or replacement and purchased power (electricity).

Proposed 2027 EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget – Expenditures Explanations

Expenditures: This line represents the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses including regulatory water system PFAS testing and sampling, chemical replenishments or replacements and purchased power. Expenses to be paid with claim settlement proceeds and/or proposed Group A Water System Emerging Contaminant Remediation surcharge.

Proposed 2027 EPA & WA Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget - Funding Sources

EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge: Beginning January 1, 2026, the Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge of \$1.78 was billed to all Group A Water System customers to fund for the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses, capital costs for replacement and disposal of the PFAS treatment plant media. This surcharge will be reassessed after the treatment systems are installed and Asset Management Plans are developed.

Potential Claim Settlements: District staff is pursuing class action lawsuits with national companies. Any claim settlements received will be deposited in a separate interest-bearing bank account to fund expenses related to PFAS remediation.