

Jackson Hole Airport
Water Filter Reimbursement Policy
December 2020

At its November 18, 2020 meeting, the Jackson Hole Airport Board authorized the installation of Point Of Entry Treatment (POET) water filter systems, at Airport expense, at any residence in the Phase 2 or 3 areas, where water tests at or above 70 ppt for PFOS+PFOA. This is consistent with EPA's Lifetime Health Advisory level for drinking water, which is relied upon by 43 states, including Wyoming. It is not anticipated that water in the Airport's designated Phase 2 or 3 testing areas will show PFAS levels at or even approaching 70 ppt.

However, seven states have adopted standards lower than EPA's Lifetime Health Advisory. As the results of Phase 3 testing are received and evaluated, and the developing scientific evidence is further analyzed, the Airport will determine whether POET water treatment systems should be provided to residences in the Phase 2 and 3 areas, where PFAS has been detected in drinking water at some level below 70 ppt. The decision as to whether such systems will be installed at Airport expense on wells which test at some level below 70 ppt for PFAS, will be made by the Airport Board in consultation with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) and the Teton County Health Department (TCHD).

The Airport Board recognizes that some homeowners in the Phase 2 or 3 testing areas may themselves install POET systems before the results of Phase 3 testing are received and the Airport has had the opportunity to consult with WDEQ and TCHD. At its December 18, 2020 meeting, the Board therefore adopted the following policy:

The Airport will reimburse any homeowner the cost of POET water filter system acquisition and installation on their residence in the Phase 2 or 3 testing area, subject to the following:

1. The filter must be certified to remove PFOS and PFOA, and must have been purchased and installed after March 1, 2020.
2. Reimbursement shall not be greater than the cost of acquisition and installation that the Airport has incurred in installing POET filters in residences adjacent to the Airport.
3. The homeowner must present third party invoices for acquisition and installation of the system.
4. The homeowner must give the Airport access to inspect the installed system, should it choose to do so.
5. If the homeowner decides to install a system of a different make or model than the system being installed by the Airport, then regardless of any maintenance policy the Airport in its discretion may adopt, all future maintenance of the system will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Airport may determine the above qualifications in its sole discretion. If you have questions regarding this policy, please call Megan Jenkins at (307) 699-4387, or contact her by email at megan.jenkins@jhairport.org.