



February 17, 2026

Subject: Detrex PFAS Free Statement

To whom it may concern,

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a class of man-made chemicals used to manufacture household products, such as food packaging and non-stick cookware, and are also used in firefighting foam, paints, and waxes. They do not break down easily and are known to persist in the environment. Traces of PFAS can sometimes be found in drinking water supplied from municipal sources. A method of removing PFAS substances from water is reverse osmosis (RO) treatment.

While the Detrex Ashtabula, OH facility receives its source water for HCL production from the local municipality Detrex pre-treats all water used in the production and blending of HCL with a state-of-the-art RO water treatment plant. The Detrex RO water processing system has been designed and tested to ensure it consistently produces ultra-high purity water meeting or exceeding the highest water quality standards. The water system's output is periodically tested by 3rd party laboratories to verify its on-going quality. Further, Detrex uses no products in the production, storage, or packaging of its HCL product that use or contain PFAS. Detrex has no reason to suspect there are any PFAS compounds in its HCL products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and "M".

Dave Morgan
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