

## ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee Call

August 1, 2018, 3 p.m. Eastern

**State Partners** - Aubrey White and Glenda Dean (AL, filling in for Lance Lefleur), Marty Suuberg (MA), Aaron Keatley (MI, filling in for Heidi Grether), John Stine (MN), Catherine McCabe (NJ), Craig Butler and Amy Klei (OH), Scott Thompson (OK), Julie Moore and Peter Walke (VT)

**Federal Partners**- Maureen Sullivan (DoD), Pat Breyse (CDC/ATSDR), Peter Grevatt (EPA OGWDW), Ellen Manges (EPA OLEM), Andy Gillespie (EPA ORD), Randall Lovell (FDA, filling in for Suzanne Fitzpatrick), Chris Weis (NIEHS).

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### Overall

State and federal partners first discussed the need for increased collaboration and repositories for information/best practices. ECOS will work to ensure these Coordinating Committee calls touch on who is working on what and how to divvy up tasks.

ECOS also noted that at its 2018 Fall Meeting in Stowe, VT later this month, there will be two sessions pertinent to PFAS.

- The first is an Emerging Contaminants session that will touch on challenges with regulating different compounds (including PCB, perchlorate, PFAS, etc.) over the years. Heidi Grether (MI) and Maureen Sullivan (DoD) from this Committee will be two speakers.
- The second is a session specifically geared towards this Coordinating Committee. Catherine McCabe (NJ) and Peter Grevatt (EPA OGWDW) will lead the session. ECOS sought input from Committee members on potential topics of discussion for the meeting, and will reach out individually seeking further recommendations. ECOS will circulate notes from this session.

### Federal Updates

#### 1. DoD

- a. DoD moved \$10 million to ATSDR through an interagency agreement to conduct exposure assessments. ATSDR is in the process of deciding the criteria for selecting a minimum of 8 current or former military sites for studies.
- b. DoD is developing information on test methodologies related to ecological risk characterization and analytical and environmental sampling method projects. More information can be found [here](#).
- c. The National Defense Authorization Act is moving through Congress. It may have a new provision requiring DoD to study exposure of military personnel who were in contact with AFFF.

#### 2. CDC/ATSDR

- a. Since its release of its draft tox profile, ATSDR has received 32 comments. The deadline for comments is August 20.
- b. ATSDR is considering which current or former military sites it will choose for exposure assessment studies with funds from DoD.

### **3. EPA**

- a. EPA held another public engagement event on PFAS in Horsham, Pennsylvania on July 25. Upcoming public engagements include:
  - i. Near Fountain, CO (August)
  - ii. Fayetteville, NC (August)
  - iii. Spokane, WA (Tribal) (September)
  - iv. Fort Leavenworth, KS (September)

Afterwards, the agency will begin working on its national PFAS management plan.

- b. EPA is in the process of reviewing comments from peer review of its draft toxicity values and will reach out to states soon regarding next steps.

### **4. FDA**

- a. No new updates to share.

### **5. NIEHS**

- a. NIEHS is working to link expertise in its academic centers with states who want/need assistance and resources in toxicological analysis and risk communication.
- b. NIEHS will meet with Senator Gary Peters (MI) this week.

## **State Updates**

### **1. Alabama**

- a. No new updates to share.

### **2. Massachusetts**

- a. MA is continuing to work with 3 communities impacted by PFAS contamination (Westfield, Devens, and Ayer).
- b. MA is considering whether it will establish a state MCL for 5 compounds.

### **3. Michigan**

- a. MI is halfway complete with testing 1380 public water systems and 460 schools with their own wells. MI launched this effort in May, and will complete it by the end of the calendar year. DEQ will post a spreadsheet of the results on its website.
- b. MI is looking at industrial waste and found a number of sources, including a state-led cleanup site.

- c. Last week, MI found PFAS contamination in groundwater wells that send drinking water to the townships of Parchment and Cooper. The state has taken action to protect residents. The source is still unknown.

4. **Minnesota**

- a. MN hosted staff from MI, as well as Peter Grevatt and David Ross of EPA, a few weeks ago to discuss best practices for PFAS.
- b. MN is in the first round of its public engagement meetings with 3M on restoring water facilities in affected communities.

5. **Ohio**

- a. OH kicked off its PFAS workgroup.
- b. OH purchased lab equipment to enable in-house PFAS testing capabilities. The agency plans to begin running samples by the end of the calendar year.

6. **New Jersey**

- a. Next week (by August 7) is the 1 year deadline in which NJ must decide if it will finalize its rule for the proposed MCL for PFNA of 13 ppt.

7. **Oklahoma**

- a. No new updates to share.

8. **Vermont**

- a. VT finished sampling and risk analysis at 10 schools. They detected PFAS compounds in 5 of 10 wells, with 2 exceeding standards. They are retesting those 2 wells and hope to have results by next week.