

ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee Call

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State Updates

1. New Jersey

- a. Now that the MCL of 13 ppt for PFNA in drinking water is in effect, NJ is expecting the first round of sampling results to be completed in April or May.
- b. NJ will propose MCL levels for PFOA (13 ppt) and PFOS (14 ppt) in March.

2. Massachusetts

- a. MA responded to a petition from the Conservation Law Foundation and Toxics Action Center seeking a limit of 1 ppt for any of 3000 types of PFAS. MA announced its intent to establish MCLs to regulate five PFAS (PFOA, PFOS, PFHpA, PFNA, and PFHxS) in drinking water.

3. Vermont

- a. VT also responded to the petition and commenced rulemaking of MCLs of 20 ppt for each of the five PFAS (PFOA, PFOS, PFHpA, PFNA, and PFHxS).
- b. VT legislators are interested in surface water and leachate studies, so the state expects more PFAS activities this year.

Federal Updates

1. DoD

- a. Nothing new to report.

2. EPA

- a. EPA's PFAS action plan will be released soon.
- b. EPA released a few weeks ago a [publication](#) from its scientists on contaminants. This is the latest in a series of articles on emerging contaminants, part of a larger study on CECs done over the past few years in collaboration between EPA and USGS. While the new

study reports finding detectable levels of PFAS in all 50 samples collected, it is important to note that for this study, EPA used detection levels less than 1 ng/L for all analytes. This is lower than the method reporting limits used in the UCMR which ranged from 10-90 ng/L.

3. **CDC/ATSDR**

- a. ATSDR is continuing work on its PFAS exposure assessment and multi-site health effects study. They expect to announce the sites for the exposure assessments in the coming weeks.
 - i. CDC/ATSDR is preparing to conduct a health study at multiple U.S. sites to learn more about the health effects of exposure to PFAS.
 - ii. A “Grants Notice” with initial information for applicants interested in applying for a grant to participate in the multi-site study was published on 12/28/18 and is available [here](#). The website will be updated as more information becomes available. They expect to release the guidelines for applying for the federal grant for the multi-site health study sometime in 2019. We will be sharing the information widely to ensure all interested parties become aware of the opportunity.
- b. OMB is now accepting [comments](#) (30-day period) through the federal register on ATSDR’s proof of concept study on Human Health Effects of Drinking Water Exposures to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH.

4. **FDA**

- a. FDA is continuing to look at and analyze almost 100 samples from its diet study.

5. **NIEHS**

- a. Nothing new to report. Chris briefed the ERIS State Science Contacts group last week on NIEHS’ Superfund Research Program, with a focus on PFAS. NIEHS is planning to coordinate with other federal partners on a PFAS meeting, and is continuing work with ATSDR on the multi-site study.

Other

1. ECOS will hold its next PFAS Caucus call on March 14 at 3 p.m. Eastern. It will discuss how states set standards, and will invite federal partners to participate. This should be the first of many discussions on this, and the first effort to fill some information gaps following its State Activities Assessment.

2. ITRC will host more PFAS trainings for state and federal employees, academics, and public stakeholders. The upcoming dates are February 28 in Denver, CO and March 29 in Boston, MA. For more information, see [here](#).