

# ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee Call

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## State Updates

1. **Alabama**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
2. **Minnesota**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
3. **New Jersey**
  - a. NJ is starting to get sampling results back for PFNA in drinking water (since MCL is now in place). They are finding that contamination is more widespread than anticipated.

## Federal Updates

1. **EPA**
  - a. EPA released its PFAS Action Plan on February 14. It represents a cross-agency effort and focuses on several key areas:
    - i. Including PFAS in UCMR 5
    - ii. Making a regulatory determination by the end of the year for a MCL for PFOA/PFOS
    - iii. Declaring PFOA/PFOS as hazardous substances under the Superfund law, and establishing groundwater cleanup recommendations
    - iv. Considering including PFAS in TRI
    - v. Using enforcement tools as appropriate
    - vi. Establishing a risk communication toolbox

For more information, see [here](#).

2. **CDC/ATSDR**

- a. ATSDR announced the 8 communities chosen for its PFAS exposure assessment. The sites are now publicly available. They were chosen using a rigorous process that considered proximity to DoD facilities, type of water source, levels of exposure, number of people exposed, and length of time exposure lasted. You can find the sites and additional information [here](#). ATSDR will start work on these this year, and the effort will continue through 2020.
3. **FDA**
  - a. Nothing new to report.

### 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 hosted a PFAS training in Denver, CO last week that was attended by over 150 people. ITRC will host more PFAS trainings for state and federal employees, academics, and public stakeholders including a March 29 training in Boston, MA. For more information, see [here](#).