

ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee Call

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State Updates

1. Alabama

- a. Alabama is moving forward on gathering data from known or suspected PFAS sources. Next year, it will require drinking water systems who didn't test for PFAS in the UCMR3 to sample and test.

2. Michigan

- a. The Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) is pursuing state drinking water standard. Its Environmental Rules Review Committee received the rules last week and decided to wait until November 14 to decide if it wants to pass them through the regulatory process or wait 90 days to get into more detail/review further. The goal is to still have enforceable drinking water standards in place for 7 PFAS by May 2020.

3. New Jersey

- a. New Jersey is continuing to move forward with standards for PFOA and PFOS. After passing its MCL for PFNA, the state started sampling in 2019; it started with systems not part of the UCMR, but almost all systems who reported for PFNA also reported for PFOA and PFOS. So NJ has lots of data coming in, and all publically available data will be posted on its [Drinking Water Watch](#) website.

Federal Updates

1. CDC/ATSDR

- a. ATSDR is moving forward with its exposure assessments. They are currently in the field collecting data in 3 of the 8 sites, with the 4th planned for this year and 4 more sites to begin work in early 2020.
- b. ATSDR's Pease Health Study in New Hampshire is underway. They had the kickoff meeting on October 24.
- c. ATSDR has begun initial conversations with its 7 awardees for the multi-site health study, which awarded \$1M each to study the relationship between PFAS exposures and health effects in their communities.

2. DOD

- a. Nothing new to report.
- 3. **FDA**
 - a. FDA is providing assistance to some states who are dealing with PFOA and PFOS in crops.
- 4. **EPA**
 - a. Andy Gillespie (ORD) was at the recent SETAC meeting, where there was a lot of discussion on PFAS. There should be some opportunities to view the presentations from the meeting, including the update on EPA's ECOTOX database, which has published information on different chemicals (including PFAS) and how they impact various ecological endpoints.
 - b. Next weekend in DC, EPA will kickoff its recent STAR grant, which is providing \$6M to different consortiums and is focused on PFAS research, specifically as it pertains to landfills and biosolids/waste management. The consortiums will come to DC to show how they plan to conduct their research. See more [here](#).
 - c. OECA plans to publish its analytic tools project (recently renamed to "National PFAS Data Explorer") in December. On October 21, Sarah Grace Longworth of ECOS sent a note to states seeking interest in contributing data/places of interest for the tool. There is initial interest from MI, AK, and others, but [email her](#) if you are interested in learning more.

Other

- 1. ECOS will host its next PFAS Caucus Call (topic: biosolids) on November 19. ECOS' whitepaper on state standards is in the drafting phase.
- 2. ECOS just announced that its annual summer State Environmental Protection (STEP) meeting will center around PFAS. Date and more information coming soon.