

ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee Call

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State Updates

1. Alaska

- a. AK is following the EPA lifetime health advisory of 70 ppt.
- b. AK's regulatory package was considered to increase but in light of the EPA PFAS Action Plan, AK pulled back and is waiting for the agency to make a regulatory determination about a MCL for PFOA and PFOS.
- c. AK is dealing with biosolids. At one location, biosolid is being converted to compost. The compost was tested and found to have PFAS at levels of 150,000 ppt, so there are concerns about the history of compost distribution at this site.

2. Massachusetts

- a. MA is continuing to work on its state superfund rule provisions. It is moving forward with the MCL process through its advisory panel. The health effects advisory committee met to discuss the approach for using 20 ppt for 6 different compounds. MA is continuing work with communities impacted by PFAS to treat wells, deal with sensitive populations, etc.

3. Michigan

- a. MPART hosted a PFAS Treatment Technologies Roundtable at MSU on May 10. Over 80 industry representatives, researchers, utilities, consultants, and regulators participated in a facilitated discussion on contamination in MI, current technologies, research, and barriers to addressing the contamination. The meeting also facilitated the development of an ongoing network among the participants. Next steps include scheduling additional meetings and the planning a PFAS Treatment Technologies Conference this coming winter.

- b. MPART's [Science Advisory Workgroup](#) continues to make progress developing recommended health-based values for PFAS in drinking water. Their recommendations will inform the process for developing enforceable drinking water MCLs later this year.
 - c. MDHHS, working through MPART's Human Health Workgroup, released [updated health recommendations](#) for contact with PFAS foam generated on surface water. Ingestion continues to be the primary route of exposure.
- 4. **New Jersey**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- 5. **New Mexico**
 - a. NM held a public meeting in Clovis, NM on April 29 to explain the results of its testing near the Cannon Air Force Base. NM told the public about water supplies, received good questions about cleanup, and listened to their concerns.
 - b. NM has a lake near Holloman Air Force Base in which the NM Department of Health saw foam. Surface water testing showed PFAS contamination at levels near 100,000 ppt. The NM environment and health departments shared data about analytical sampling publically.
 - c. NM is involved in active litigation over 2 sites near the bases.
- 6. **Ohio**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- 7. **Oklahoma**
 - a. Nothing new to report.

Federal Updates

- 1. **EPA**
 - a. EPA's OECA joined the Coordinating Committee and briefed participants on its various PFAS activities. OECA is reviewing statutory amendments/bills that are under consideration, supporting national cases, and focusing on multi-media PFAS impacts (i.e. RCRA).
- 2. **CDC/ATSDR**
 - a. ATSDR is continuing to move forward with its PFAS exposure assessment work. The agency expects to establish cooperative agreements with up to 6 applicants, with awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$3 million per recipient. ATSDR is now accepting applications, which are due on May 30. A Q&A document developed from a

pre-application call, the draft protocol, and application information can be found on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

- b. ATSDR is convening a national PFAS summit on February 24-25, 2020 in Atlanta that will focus on community engagement. It will bring together members of communities with known PFAS contamination and representatives from state, local, and tribal governments, NGOs, and community organizations that have resources to help develop strategies for addressing health-related concerns.

ATSDR is forming an Executive Steering Committee to provide insight and direction on the summit planning process and agenda, and is looking for interested state representatives. Email Sarah Grace Longworth for more information on the summit and if you are interested in being nominated.

3. **FDA**

- a. FDA is continuing to analyze its total diet study. The agency collected a market basket (93 food samples) and are working on collecting an additional basket for testing.

Other

1. ECOS will hold its next PFAS Caucus call on July 16 at 2 p.m. Eastern. In the meantime, it will convene conversations with a small working group from the Caucus to discuss state standard-setting.