PFAS External Advisory Group

February 18, 2022
Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Wisconsin Paper Council: Perspectives on PFAS
• Municipal Drinking Water Sampling
• Wisconsin Firefighting Foam

Break

• DNR and Federal PFAS updates
• EAG Member Open Forum
• Public Comment
Welcome
## Roll Call

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PFAS Perspectives

Patrick Stevens
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Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

• WI DNR is offering PFAS sampling to **ALL** municipal systems statewide

• Participation in the project is **voluntary** and sampling will be **cost free** for systems

• Systems can express interest by emailing DNRDGPFASSAMPLING@Wisconsin.Gov
Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

• DNR to partner with WI Department of Health Services (DHS) and WI State Lab of Hygiene (WSLH)

• Training and support for systems participating in the program

• DNR will work closely with impacted systems to leverage all resources available to protect health of customers and address impacts.
Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

- Funding Available as well as support from DNR, DHS, WSLH
- Proactively assess impacts and protect public health
- Infrastructure bill funding for addressing PFAS will be available
- UCMR5 and proposed DNR rules
Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

• February 8, 2022 Governor Evers announces funding for voluntary sampling project

• February 2022 DNR will reach out directly to systems with more information

• March 2022 virtual informational meeting for all interested systems

• March/April 2022 sampling begins
Questions?

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Firefighting Foam

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Ongoing Firefighting Foam Efforts

• NR 159 (WA-07-20) Firefighting Foam Rule
• Great Lakes PFAS Task Force – Fluorine-Free Foam Resources Team
• Best Management Practices
• Foam Collection & Disposal - $1M
Motion:

Move to transfer $1,000,000 in 2021-22 from the Joint Committee on Finance's segregated revenue supplemental appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(u)] to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) PFAS-containing firefighting foam collection and disposal appropriation [s. 20.370(4)(ps)]. Direct DNR to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to jointly: (a) establish a process and criteria for awarding a contract to administer the program; (b) select a winning third-party contractor to collect and dispose of PFAS-containing firefighting foam; (c) determine, and make publicly available on each agency's website, the procedures for handling data collected in administering the program; and (d) maintain any records created in administering the program. Specify that the funding may only be used for contract costs associated with the collection and disposal portions of the program.
BREAK
Resume at 12.45pm
DNR Updates
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: A Historic Investment in Water

Frederick D. Haise’s leadership and bipartisanship in Congress have delivered one of the largest investments in U.S. infrastructure in history: the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This law invests more than $550 billion through 11 key programs.

$20 billion for safe drinking water.
$15 billion in dedicated funding to replace lead pipes.
$12 billion to ensure clean water for communities.
$1.8 billion to protect regional waters.
$195 million for additional water improvements.

With this funding, EPA, states, tribes, and localities have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen and rebuild America’s water infrastructure. EPA estimates that all communities get the full benefit of this federal water infrastructure investment—especially disadvantaged communities. This funding will put Americans to work paying living wages and support a thriving economy.

**Safe Drinking Water**

There are still an estimated 5 to 10 million lead service lines in cities and towns across the country, many of which are in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver resources to remove these lead pipes, in line with President Biden’s goal of removing 100% of lead service lines. This means that millions of families will be able to rely on drinking water that is safe from lead and other contaminants.

**Clean Water for Communities**

The nation’s wastewater and stormwater management systems are critical to healthy, vibrant communities and dynamic ecosystems, and support the economy. Water infrastructure is essential to delivering reliable, affordable, and safe water. When water infrastructure fails, it threatens people’s health, place of work, and the environment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a historic investment to replace pipes, upgrade wastewater treatment facilities, and ensure that America’s water systems are resilient for the future.

**Protecting Regional Waters**

Investing in regional waters—from the Chesapeake Bay to the Great Lakes, to the Mississippi—will better protect the nation’s largest and most treasured waters to ensure that they continue to serve as vital economic and recreational assets.

**Safe Drinking Water**

- **$15 billion**: Lead Service Line Replacement through the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. 40% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans. State match is not required.
- **$11.7 billion**: Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. 40% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans. State match is reduced to 10%.
- **$4 billion**: Addressing Emerging Contaminants through the Drinking Water SRF. Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water. All funds provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. State match is not required.
- **$5 billion**: Addressing Emerging Contaminants in Disadvantaged Communities. Funding through Title I, Underground, and Tribal Community Grants can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water. Provided as grants. State match is not required.

**Clean Water for Communities**

- **$11.7 billion**: Clean Water State Revolving Funds. 40% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans. State match is reduced to 10%.
- **$1 billion**: Addressing Emerging Contaminants. Funding through Clean Water State Revolving Funds. All funds provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. State match is not required.

**Protecting Regional Waters**

- **$1.7 billion**: Geographic Programs. Funding directed to 12 federally recognized geographic programs.
- **$132 million**: National Estuary Program (NEP). Funding to be distributed across 28 Federally recognized estuaries to restore vulnerable coastal and estuarine ecosystems.

**Additional Investments in Water**

- **$60 million**: Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force. Funding to be directed equally across 12 Hypoxia Task Force states.
- **$50 million**: Underground Injection Control Grants. Funding to support states’ efforts to attain Class VI primary, 100% of funding provided as grants. State match is not required.
- **$25 million**: Reforming Class VI Wells. Support for EPA to test carbon sequestration programs.
Open Forum
External Advisory Group Members
Wrap-up and Next Steps
Public Comment

▪ Submit questions or comments via the chat function in Zoom (please indicate if you’d like to read aloud)

OR

▪ “Raise Hand” and you’ll be unmuted to provide your comment

• We will attempt to address comments and requests to speak in the order that they are received

• Please keep comments to 3 minutes
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