

WisPAC Charter and Ground Rules

Project: Wisconsin Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Council (WisPAC)

Purpose: Create a PFAS coordinating council (hereafter known as WisPAC) of state agencies to implement Governor Evers' [Executive Order #40](#): Relating to the Public Health Risk from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and the creation of the PFAS Coordinating Council. The group's charge includes developing and implementing a PFAS action plan to address the public health, safety, welfare and environmental threats posed by certain PFAS discharged in the environment.

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals that have been manufactured and used worldwide since the 1940s. They are widely found in products such as stain-resistant carpets, food packaging, non-stick cookware, personal care products, certain firefighting foams and other consumer products. Certain PFAS compounds pose human health concerns, such as cancer, adverse developmental effects in children, and adverse effects on liver, thyroid and immune functions.

Charge to WisPAC: WisPAC will be staffed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with assistance from other state agencies. The Secretary of the DNR or designee shall serve as the chair of WisPAC. WisPAC will coordinate PFAS-related activities among state agencies and provide a plan of action for the state.

WisPAC may establish advisory workgroups composed of individuals, associations, local governments or other members of the public as deemed necessary to assist WisPAC in developing the PFAS action plan and performing its other duties and responsibilities. WisPAC may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by an advisory workgroup. The public will be provided the opportunity to speak at the designated public comment time noted on the WisPAC agenda. WisPAC may elect to have a member of the public make a presentation to WisPAC.

WisPAC, at a minimum, will:

- a) Develop a PFAS action plan for the State of Wisconsin no later than June 30, 2020.
- b) Develop protocols to effectively inform, educate and engage the public about PFAS.
- c) Identify and prioritize likely known PFAS sources and incorporate this information into the PFAS action plan.
- d) Evaluate the public health risks of PFAS in addition to any impacts to Wisconsin's natural resources, agriculture, wildlife, and fisheries.
- e) Develop best practices and protocols for identifying PFAS sources to ensure that the materials are managed in a way that protects natural resources and human health.
- f) In partnership with stakeholders, develop standard testing and treatment protocols that are both cost-efficient and effective.
- g) Engage academic institutions and experts to identify and collaborate on joint projects, and further identify technical resources necessary to implement a PFAS action plan.
- h) Explore avenues of funding for the state, local governments and private parties to aid their effort to address PFAS.

Team Members: The following state agencies and state personnel will be members of WisPAC:

Agency	Member Name
DNR (Chair)	Secretary-designee Preston Cole; Designees: Darsi Foss & Eric Ebersberger
DATCP	Sara Walling, Division Administrator – Agricultural Resource Management; Alternate: Keeley Moll, Policy Advisor
DHS	Chuck Warczecha, Deputy Division Administrator – Public Health
DMA	Col. Kevin Philpot, Chief of Staff; Alternate: Mike Hinman, Executive Assistant
DVA	Mary Kolar, Secretary
WSLH	James J. Schauer, PhD, Director – Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene; Alternate: David Web, Assistant Director
DOJ	Brad Motl, Assistant Attorney General
DOT	Patricia Trainer, Section Chief – Environmental Services Section; Alternate: Robert Pearson, Hydrogeologist
UW System	Professor Christina Remucal – College of Engineering
DPI	Victoria Rydberg – Environmental Education Consultant
DOR	John Dickert, Division Administrator – State and Local Finance
PSC	Denise Schmidt, Division Administrator – Water Utility Regulation and Analysis
DOC	Steve Krallis, Director – Bureau of Budget and Facilities Management
DOA	Mike Friis, Leader – Resource Policy Team
DSPS	Bradly Johnson, Section Chief – Division of Industry Services
Office of COI	Olivia Hwang, Director of Public Affairs
DCF	Dianne Jenkins, Executive Policy Advisor
WEDC	Missy Hughes, CEO

Additional Activities:

1. Develop routine communication and information sharing protocols between all members and stakeholders.
2. Perform outreach to ensure the general public is informed about PFAS contamination and the work of WisPAC.
3. Create measurable goals and objectives along an established timeline.
4. Recommend, as needed, changes in Wisconsin law.
5. Perform other duties as requested by the governor.