Wisconsin PFAS Action Council

AUGUST 13, 2020

**WisPAC Members**
- When you get online, please type your name and agency into the chat box (+ indicate if you are an alternate for someone else)
- Meeting host will use this to establish that a quorum is present
 Agenda

- Welcome and recap
- Draft Action Plan review
  - Action Items
  - Full plan outline
  - Final draft approval process
- Draft Action Plan public review & comment period
- WisPAC after the Action Plan submission
- PFAS updates
- Public input
WisPAC members

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Welcome & Recap

- Phase 3
- Main focus on transitioning Issue Papers and Consent Agenda into Action Items
- Check in with Advisory group co-chairs
• Groups’ Recommendations were reviewed by WisPAC members during July one-on-one calls
• Joint call held on July 30th with co-chairs of both advisory groups
• Groups’ main chartered purpose fulfilled
• Possible role for co-chairs in soliciting targeted feedback during public comment period
Newly combined from Consent Agenda

- Expand PFAS site identification using maps...
- Phase out paper products that contain PFAS
- Research
- Outreach & Communication

Other

- Fire Dept. Collaboration (NEW)
- Environmental Justice & Health Equity (NEW)
- Tools for local government (newly proposed combination with “Invest in PFAS clean-ups in WI communities”)

Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC)
Re-Organization (Themes)

Old (44 Issue Papers)

- Standard Setting
- Sampling
- Pollution Prevention Education
- Engagement, Education & Comm.
  - Legal Authority
- Research
- Tech Standards
- Ambient Monitoring
- Banning/Phasing Out
- Future Budget Proposals
- Letter to EPA

New (25 Action Items)

- Standard Setting
- Sampling
- Pollution Prevention
- Research & Knowledge
- Banning/Phasing Out
- Future Budget Proposals
- IDing and Addressing Historic Discharges
Topic 1

Draft Action Plan:

Action Item Review

PURPOSE TODAY: Collect final feedback from WisPAC on DRAFT Action Items

PROCESS:

• By theme, go through Action Items from DRAFT review package

• Motions to approve Action Items by theme

• As needed, WisPAC members to specify any updates or changes to be included (will need a clear motion for action)

• Result is final list of Action Items for Draft PFAS Action Plan

DRAFT Action Items available online: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Contaminants/WisPAC.html
Theme: Standard Setting

- Establish science-based environmental standards for PFAS (p. 68)
- Develop guidelines for PFAS landfill leachate management (p. 61)

Review questions were:
- Do Action Items listed provide a useful “blueprint” for future implementation?
- Is the original intent still being addressed?
- Do specific Action Items need more detail or less?
Topic 1

Draft Action Plan:

Action Item Review

**Theme: Sampling**

- Enhance collaboration between Wisconsin and federal agencies on PFAS issues relating to military installations (p. 44)
- Test public water systems for PFAS (p. 66)
- Expanding PFAS site identification (p. 25)
- Facilitate timely collection of environmental PFAS data (p. 54)
- Standardize PFAS sampling methods and support statewide implementation (p. 59)

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Theme: Pollution Prevention

- Support the full implementation of amended Wis. Stat. 299.48. (p. 7)
- Identify and minimize sources to reduce discharge of PFAS to wastewater facilities (p.  )
- Develop and apply best management practices for proper handling of PFAS-containing waste (p. #)

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### Theme: Engagement, Education, & Communication of PFAS & Public Health

- Enforce environmental justice and health equity in Wisconsin communities (p. 20)
- Develop PFAS risk communication infrastructure (p. 38)
- Develop and promote new partnerships to increase understanding of PFAS (p. 49)
- Develop exposure reduction recommendations for public sector employees (p. 52)

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Theme: Research & Knowledge

- Combined Research Paper (p. #)
- Monitor background levels of PFAS in the environment (p. 2)

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Theme: Banning / Phasing Out

- Phase-out of paper products that contain PFAS (p. 29)
- Minimize the state’s purchase of PFAS-containing products (p. 71)
  - DATCP comment: DATCP is not lead agency
- Develop and support product stewardship mechanisms to reduce PFAS use (p. 63)

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Theme: Future Budget Proposals

- Provide support to Wisconsin veterans to address PFAS-related health risks (p. 10)
- Provide financial tools for local governments (p. 23)
  - Propose to combine with
- Invest in PFAS clean-ups in Wisconsin communities (p. 40)
- Launch a PFAS foam collection and disposal program (p. 18)
  - Avoid confusion with existing “clean sweep” program

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Draft Action Plan:

Action Item Review

Theme: Identifying & addressing historic or legacy PFAS discharges & exposures

- Improve efficiency in development of long-term water supply solutions (p. 73)
- Collect data on drinking water treatment and costs (p. 42)
- Develop new tools to address PFAS contaminated sites (p. 47)
  - DOJ proposal: PFAS action fund should be DNR-specific

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Draft Action Plan:

Full Outline of Plan

- Executive summary (+ other intro sections)
- PFAS 101
- Agency response to PFAS*
- Introduction to WisPAC
- Building the plan
  - Timeline, Public input summary
- Recommendations
  - Principles
  - Action Items
  - Other actions
- Appendices
  - Public survey input
  - Advisory group recommendations & Gap analysis
Draft Action Plan:

1. Action Items finalized based on today’s input & rest of plan completed
2. Final Draft PFAS Action Plan sent back to WisPAC
3. *NEW* September WisPAC meeting to approve draft plan
Topic 2

Draft Action Plan:

Public Review & Comment Period

- Public input a valuable contribution
- Dates to be confirmed, but anticipated 2-3 week comment period in late September/early October
- Input to be reviewed and considered
Topic 3
WisPAC: Life After the Action Plan

- Executive Order 40 & WisPAC Charter
- PFAS Action Plan implementation
- Are there other must-dos for the future?
  - Impact evaluation (metrics etc.)
  - Annual Reporting
  - Opportunities to stratify roles
  - Opportunity for stakeholder, public engagement and inputs
  - Other?
As of September 1, 2020, s. 299.48, Wis. Stats. prohibits the use of class B firefighting foams that contain intentionally added PFAS as of 9/1/20, except:

1. When used as part of an emergency firefighting or fire prevention operation; or
2. When used for testing purposes if appropriate containment, treatment and disposal or storage measures are in place.
Act 101 also requires the DNR to promulgate rules to implement s. 299.48, Wis. Stats., including appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal or storage measures.

Draft Rule WA-20-06E can be found at:
https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Contaminants/AFFF.html
Rulemaking

Stakeholder input opportunities:

• Groundwater (NR140): August 25, 2020
• Surface Water (NR105): August 27, 2020
• Drinking Water (NR809): TBD

Learn more: DNR PFAS Homepage > Public Meetings tile > scroll to "Rulemaking Efforts"
Topic 4

PFAS Updates

- Any updates from other WisPAC Agencies?
Public Input

• Public welcome to provide suggestions, information or other input to WisPAC

• Might be easiest to submit question via the chat function in Zoom

OR

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• Please join us at the next meeting
• Check web site:

https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/contaminants/wispac.html

THANK YOU!