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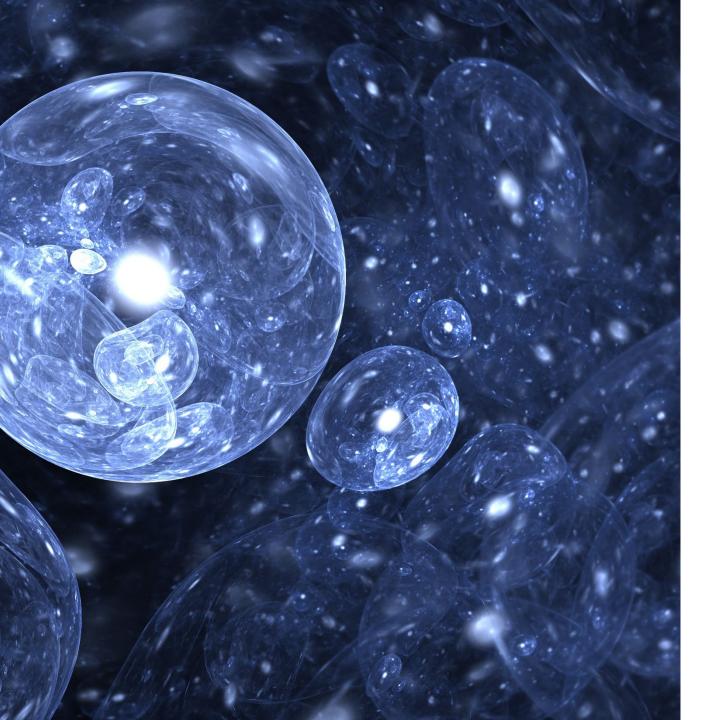


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## ERM Webinar Series: Fast Fluorinated Facts

## PFAS in the News

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# SAFETY MOMENT

Employee Injured by Vehicle Door in Windy Condition

### WHAT HAPPENED?

Employee reached into car to get supplies and kept one hand on door jam. A gust of wind closed the door on the employee's finger.

### WHAT WAS LEARNED?

- In addition to temperature and precipitation, we also need to pay attention to wind.
- Make sure to secure all items including car doors in windy conditions.
- JHAs should include wind hazards and mitigation measures to secure items or equipment.
- Projects with vehicle-based tasks should include wind hazards and identify doors as pinch points.



## Identifying Business Risk Associated with PFAS

PFAS represents a complex and crossfunctional risk across an entire operational footprint, driven by:

- Ubiquity in historical and current supply chains
- Emerging and disparate regulations
- Public outcry and environmental justice concerns

To ensure **business resiliency**, PFAS must be managed to avoid:

- Damaged reputation and eroding shareholder value
- Product deselection due to public & regulatory pressure
- Disruptions in operations due to supply chain, product & EHS regulations
- Increased environmental liability & tort claims



## Air Emission and Deposition

Supply Chain

Uncertain composition

restrict sales in certain

commercial markets

of supply chain

materials/products

obscures reserve

setting and may

**Production** 

Production water

sources may be an

unsuspected risk to the entire operation Off-Site Sources

Lack of awareness of

sources can create

unnecessary on-site

**Environmental** 

environmental liabilities

Lack of awareness for applicable

regulatory developments (recent or

near-term promulgation) may lead to

fines, operation disruption, and costly

Compliance

liabilities and costs

potential off-site

unforeseen and

Water

Inputs

PFAS release through stack emissions do not breakdown in the atmosphere and can result in release to soil and surface water over a large area, increasing potential on-site & off-site liabilities and reputational risks

Products – B2B or B2C Value Chain

Increased public scrutiny & regulatory restrictions may result in product deselection or close of markets for products

Disposal

#### **Stormwater Discharge**

Point and non-point source stormwater discharge can result in PFAS release to soil and surface water increasing potential on-site & off-site environmental labilities and operational risks



#### Waste Management

Unknowns regarding waste management may lead to reputational risks & material environmental liabilities



Land Application of Biosolids

#### **Sludge Management**

PFAS concentrated in WWTP sludge can result in an unwitting release to other media and expand the breadth/scope of potential risk Release to the

## WWTP

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Discharge

Traditional WWTP processes will not remove PFAS, so PFAS discharge to the WWTP will pass through to the surface water body

### Fire Fighting Foam

Solid Waste

Historical use and inadequate firefighting foam transition can lead to business continuity risks and costly operational risks

Release to the Environment

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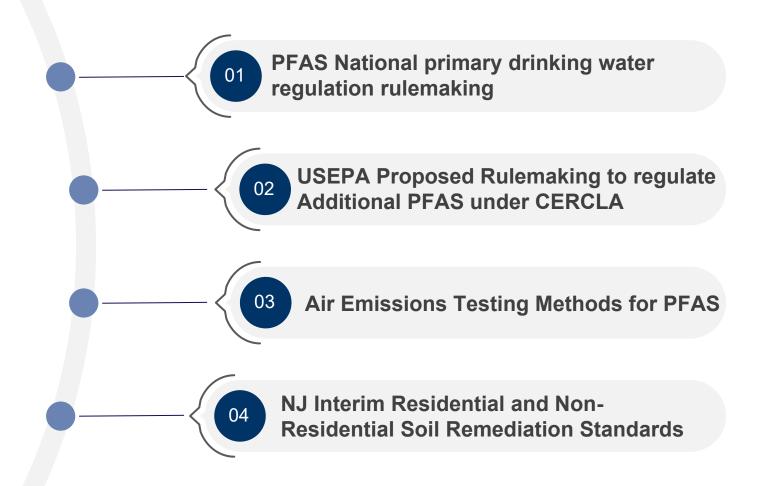


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# PFAS NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION RULEMAKING

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# PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR)Rulemaking – March 29, 2023Federal Register / Vol. 88, No. 60

## What is EPA Proposing?

- MCLG for PFOA and PFOS: zero
- Enforceable MCL for PFOA and PFOS of 4 ng/L
- Preliminary determination to regulate PFHxS, HFPO-DA<sup>1</sup>, PFNA, and PFBS
- Proposing a hazard index<sup>2</sup> (HI) of 1 as the MCLG and MCL
- PQLs: PFOS/PFOA = 4 ng/L, HFPO-DA = 5 ng/L, PFNA = 4 ng/L, PFBS/PFHxS = 3 ng/L
- Results <PQL taken as zero to calculate running annual average

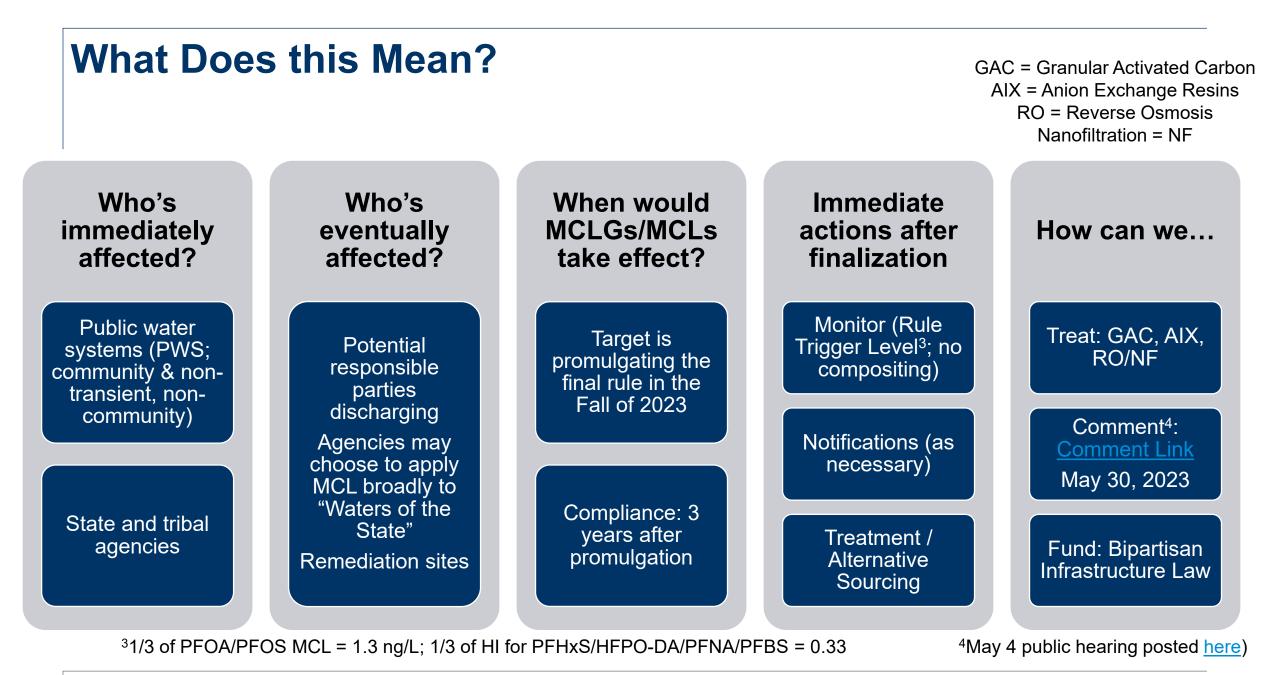
<sup>1</sup>Includes the acid and ammonium salt forms of HFPO-DA <sup>2</sup>Noncancer health effects, not specifically for mixtures

## **Preliminary Determination of HI**

Novel "General HI" approach; assumes dose additivity, occurrence, and likely co-occurrence as conservative measures

$$HI = \frac{[PFHxS]}{9} + \frac{[HFPO - DA^{1}]}{10} + \frac{[PFNA]}{10} + \frac{[PFBS]}{2,000}$$

- Health Based Water Concentrations (HBWC): 9 ng/L for PFHxS, 10 ng/L for HFPO-DA<sup>1</sup>, 10 ng/L for PFNA, and 2,000 ng/L for PFBS
- Proposed MCLG and MCL: HI < 1 (running annual average [quarterly]; MCL is enforceable)</p>



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USEPA Proposed Rulemaking to Regulated Seven Additional PFAS under CERCLA

**JENNIFER BYRD** 

# Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) – April 13, 2023

EPA is seeking *input* and *data* regarding potential future hazardous substance designation of

# Seven PFAS besides PFOA and PFOS

PFBS, PFHxS, PFNA, GenX, PFBA, PFHxA, PFDA

- Additional relevant information in published scientific literature
- What other PFAS should EPA consider?
- Information relevant to preparing an economic analysis of the potential direct and indirect costs and benefits of the proposed rule (even though CERCLA precludes including cost as a consideration)

### Precursors

- Literature on environmental degradation of substances to PFOA, PFOS and additional seven
- Factors regarding degradation time and environmental conditions that should be considered
- Data on environmental prevalence of the nine and precursors
- CAS numbers for precursors
- Ideas for how precursors could undergo laboratory analysis
- Economic analysis of impacts of precursors

### Categories

Request for input on potential future designation of categories for PFAS that may have similar characteristics

- Chemical structure (carbon chain length, functional group)
- Physical and chemical properties
- Mode of toxicological action
- Precursors or degradants
- Co-occurrence

## What does this mean?

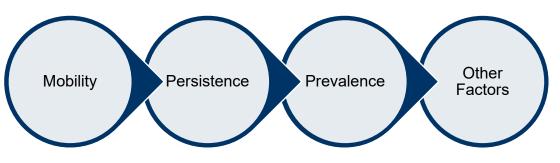


# Consequences of a CERCLA hazardous substance listing:

- CERCLA enables the federal government to order a PRP to remediate sites that have releases of hazardous substances
  - Cost recovery
  - Damages to natural resources
  - Costs of health assessments
  - Remediation
- Triggers notification for release
- DOT regulations for transport

### What can we interpret from the ANPRM?

- EPA will be regulating more PFAS than just PFOA and PFOS
- EPA does not appear to be finished determining which PFAS require regulation
- Grouping strategies for PFAS regulation are still on the table
- Precursors are under consideration for regulation



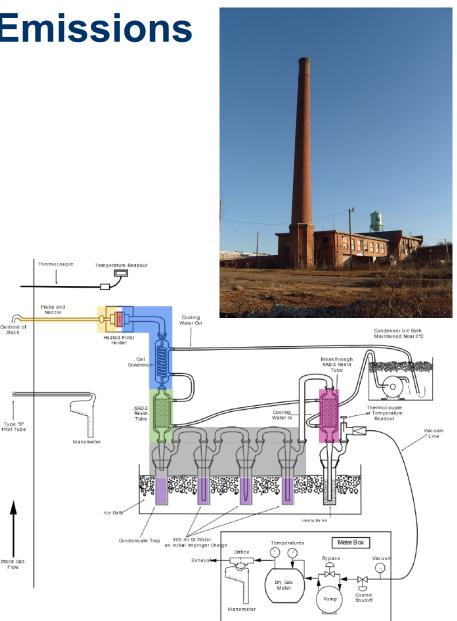
Not necessary to have information on all of these criteria for EPA to designate a PFAS compound as a hazardous substance

# AIR EMISSIONS TESTING METHODS FOR PFAS

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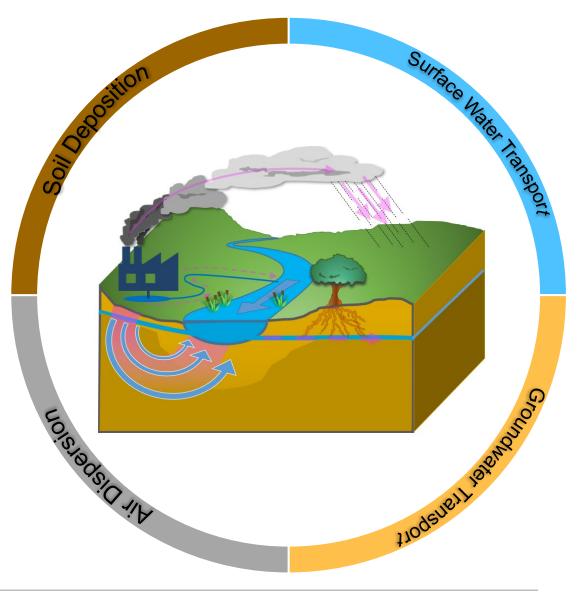
## **Testing for PFAS in Air – Stack Level Emissions**

- EPA Emissions Measurement Center (EMC) posted an Other Test Method (OTM) for use as emission measurement method for PFAS from stationary sources.
- OTM-45 is a performance based test method that is capable of measuring upwards of 50 PFAS from stationary sources.
  - Draft method not approved by EPA; however, States may (and have) required OTM-45 for measuring stack-level PFAS.
  - Limitations exist with respect to compounds that can be measured and the level of detection limits in samples collected.
- Based on existing EPA Method 5 test train, with specific modifications, including coil condenser in line after heated filter, and XAD-2 adsorbent media tubes.
- OTM-45 provides for collection and analysis of semi-volatiles and particulate-bound PFAS compounds.
- Details the procedures for sample collection and the analytical methods, including reference standards to identify and quantify certain PFAS.



## How it All Fits Together

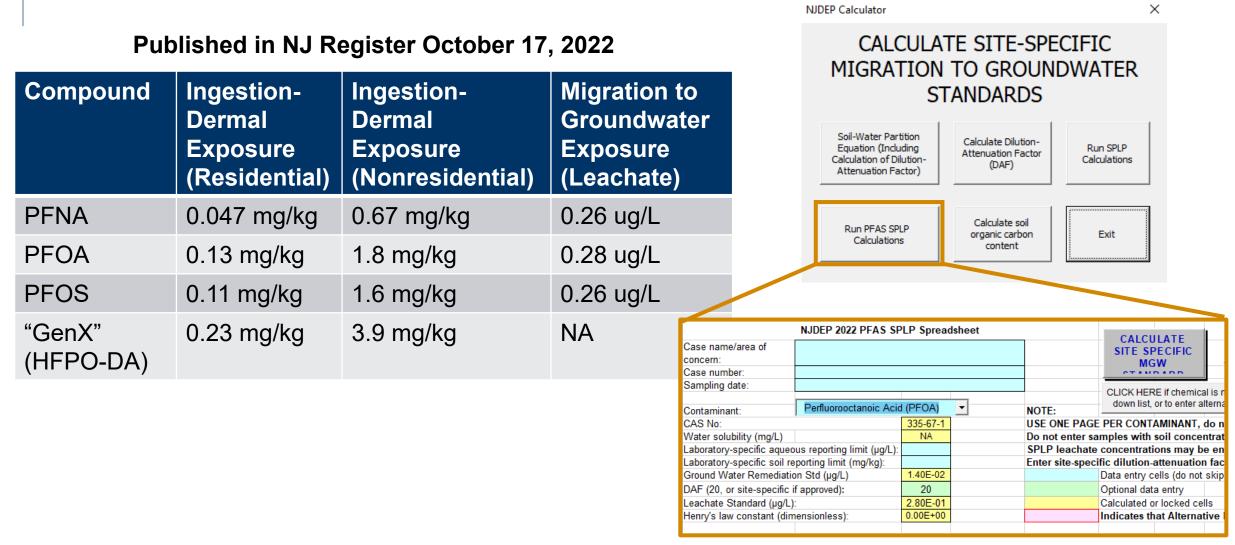
- Prior to OTM-45, there was no uniform approach to measure PFAS air emissions.
- Define impacts of air emissions to soil, surface water, and groundwater.
- Air dispersion and fate and transport modeling simulate deposition and transport mechanisms to predict concentrations resulting from stack level emissions.
- Several state agencies require stack level PFAS emission limits. Limits based on modeling; thus the importance of a test method to measure PFAS emissions to demonstrate compliance.
- OTM-45 provides the framework to collect and measure PFAS emissions for any stationary source including industrial processes or treatment units, etc.



# NJ INTERIM RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SOIL REMEDIATION STANDARDS

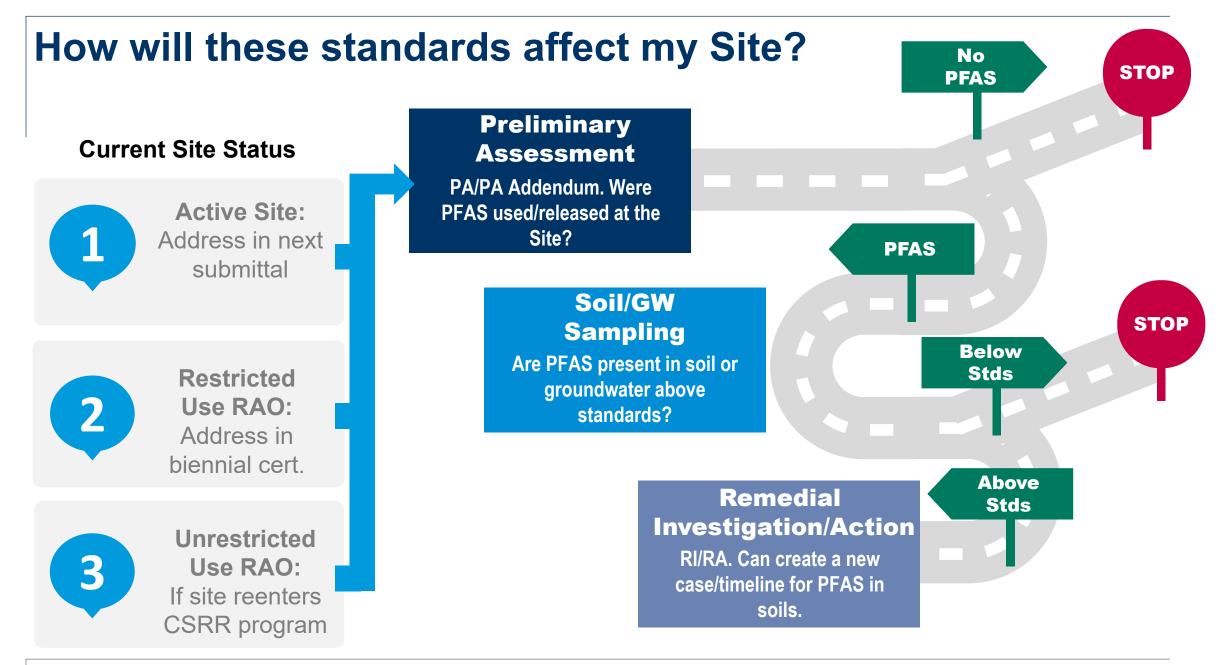
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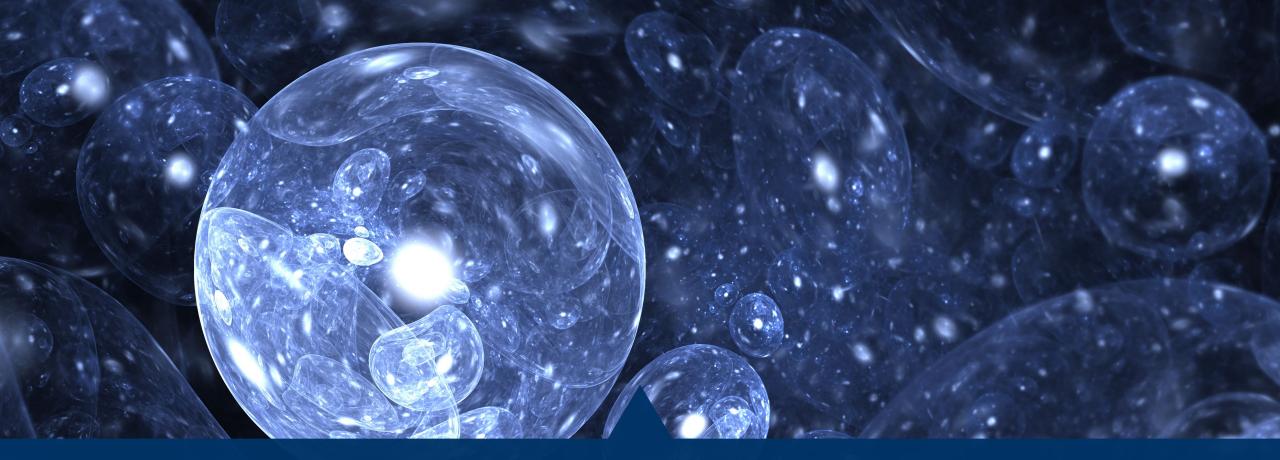
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## **NJ Soil Remediation Standards**

## NJDEP Site-specific Calculator





# Thank you.

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