



EPA'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PFAS IN NPDES PERMITS

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PFAS STRATEGIC ROADMAP: EPA'S COMMITMENTS TO ACTION

- Water Permitting Actions: Leverage federal and state NPDES permits to reduce PFAS discharges to waterways by reducing discharges of PFAS at the source and obtaining more comprehensive information through monitoring on the sources of PFAS and quantity of PFAS discharged by these sources.
- April 2022 – EPA issued *Addressing PFAS Discharges in EPA-Issued NPDES Permits & Expectations Where EPA is the Control Authority*.
https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-04/npdes_pfas-memo.pdf
- The April memo included requirements for EPA-issued permits to:
 - Monitor for PFAS,
 - Adopt best management practices like product substitution and good housekeeping practices, and
 - Establish practices to address PFAS-containing firefighting foams in stormwater.

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- EPA engaged with stakeholders to develop guidance for state NPDES Permitting Authorities (released December 6, 2022).

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-12/NPDES_PFAS_State%20Memo_December_2022.pdf

- This memo includes three additional provisions that will also serve as an update to the EPA-specific guidance:
 - A section on biosolids has been included to closely align pretreatment program activities with their biosolids PFAS goals.
 - A recommendation that state NPDES authorities coordinate with their solid waste and air pollution counterparts to assess privately operated treatment systems and resulting sludges.
 - Inclusion of the option to develop site-specific technology-based effluent limits (TBELs) for PFAS discharges.