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Regulatory Update - April 2025



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No Miscellaneous Updates for April 2025

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A. Administrator Zeldin Announces Major EPA Actions to Combat PFAS Contamination; Memorandum

Agency

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Dates

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Summary

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin outlined upcoming agency actions to address Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). The actions include:

Strengthening the Science

- Designate an agency lead for PFAS to better align and manage PFAS efforts across agency programs
- Implement a PFAS testing strategy under Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 4 to seek scientific information informed by hazard characteristics and exposure pathways
- Launch additional efforts on air related PFAS information collection and measurement techniques related to air emissions
- Identify and address available information gaps where not all PFAS can be measured and controlled
- Provide more frequent updates to the PFAS Destruction and Disposal Guidance—changing from every three years to annually—as EPA continues to assess the effectiveness of available treatment technologies
- Ramp up the development of testing methods to improve detection and strategies to address PFAS

Fulfilling Statutory Obligations and Enhancing Communication

- Develop effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) for PFAS manufacturers and metal finishers and evaluate other ELGs necessary for reduction of PFAS discharges
- Address the most significant compliance challenges and requests from Congress and drinking water systems related to national primary drinking water regulations for certain PFAS
- Determine how to better use RCRA authorities to address releases from manufacturing operations of both producers and users of PFAS
- Add PFAS to the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) in line with Congressional direction from the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act
- Enforce Clean Water Act and TSCA limitations on PFAS use and release to prevent further contamination
- Use Safe Drinking Water Act authority to investigate and address immediate endangerment
- Achieve more effective outcomes by prioritizing risk-based review of new and existing PFAS chemicals

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- Implement section 8(a)7 to smartly collect necessary information, as Congress envisioned and consistent with TSCA, without overburdening small businesses and article importers.
- Work with Congress and industry to establish a clear liability framework that operates on polluter pays and protects passive receivers

Building Partnerships

- Advance remediation and cleanup efforts where drinking water supplies are impacted by PFAS contamination
- Work with states to assess risks from PFAS contamination and the development of analytical and risk assessment tools
- Finish the public comment period for biosolids risk assessment and determine a path forward based on comments
- Provide assistance to states and tribes on enforcement efforts
- Review and evaluate any pending state air petitions
- Resource and support investigations into violations to hold polluters accountable

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Memorandum.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-announces-major-epa-actions-combat-pfas-contamination>

B. ECOS Compendium of State PFAS Actions; Compendium

Agency

The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)

Dates

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Summary

The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) has created a national summary of PFAS actions, as well as individual findings from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This compendium can be used as a resource for those looking for more information on particular PFAS topics.

The compendium includes resources such as a table that shows the states with PFAS action plans, lists of NGOs, national and regional associations and partnerships as well as a section on the definition of PFAS. The compendium states that the most adopted and/or referenced definition for PFAS is “Fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.” The compendium notes that twenty-two states have action plans or strategy documents, and nine other states are developing one to address the potential risks of PFAS.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Compendium.

<https://www.ecos.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ECOS-PFAS-Compendium-FINAL.pdf>

C. **Governor signs Strategic Water Supply and environmental protection bills; Bill Announcement**

Agency

New Mexico, Office of the Governor

Dates

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Summary

New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, signed a bill on April 8, 2025 that puts two laws into effect aimed at tackling toxic PFAS contamination in New Mexico. The two bills were put in place to protect water quality.

[House Bill 140](#) designates discarded firefighting foams containing PFAS chemicals as hazardous waste, enabling state-level regulation even when these substances aren’t federally listed.

[House Bill 212](#) allows for the education of consumers through the labeling of products containing intentionally added PFAS. In 2027, the bill prohibits PFAS in items like cookware, food packaging and juvenile products, with additional products including cosmetics, furniture, and carpets prohibited in 2028. By 2032, all non-exempt products with intentionally added PFAS will be banned for sale in New Mexico. The legislation exempts critical applications in medical, electronic, and manufacturing sectors while requiring inventories of PFAS-laden firefighting foams and restricting their use to emergencies.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Bill Announcement.

<https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2025/04/08/governor-signs-strategic-water-supply-and-environmental-protection-bills-state-acts-to-protect-all-surface-waterbodies-a-targeted-response-to-the-2023-u-s-supreme-court-ruling-that-narrowed-federal/>

D. Postponement of Effectiveness for Certain Provisions of Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notification

Agency

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Dates

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Postponement Date: 6/20/2025

Summary

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is postponing the effective date of certain regulatory provisions of the final rule entitled “Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)” for 90 days pending judicial review. The postponement applies, for example, to the conditions imposed under the TSCA section 6(g) exemption for the use of TCE as a processing aid for specialty polymeric microporous sheet material manufacturing. 40 CFR 751.325(b)(6)(i)– (iv). This impacts the use of TCE as a processing aid for lead acid battery separator manufacturing.

The conditions imposed on each of the TSCA section 6(g) exemptions are postponed until June 20, 2025.

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Notification.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-04-02/pdf/2025-05641.pdf>

E. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Permit Search Portal; Application

Agency

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Dates

4/2025

Summary

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has launched a Permit Search Portal that allows the public to look up regulated facilities and their permits. Using the portal, one can find permit information and complaints for each facility that has a TCEQ issued permit. The portal has filters so you can refine your search to specifically Air, Water or Waste related permits.

Please click the following link to watch the demo -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pE0hTT8XDcc>

Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view the portal.

<https://permit-search.tceq.texas.gov/>