



## WisPAC Members

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**WisPAC**

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“PFAS Action Plan” or “WisPAC”



## Today

- Welcome + Roll Call
- Budget Check-in
- PFAS Updates
- PFAS Action Plan: Mid-year Review
- Next Steps
- Public input





## Zoom Instructions

### Panelists: WisPAC members

- You should be able to mute/unmute yourself without issue
- Email ([brent.alderman@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:brent.alderman@Wisconsin.gov)) or send a chat to Ben Jaster if you encounter any difficulty





## Governor's Budget

## PFAS Initiatives

### Proposed

- Collection and disposal of firefighting foam
- Testing public water supply wells
- Annual river surveying
- Annual wastewater sampling
- Annual testing and mitigation for PFAS at state-lead sites
- Annual municipal grant programs for the supply of emergency water, investigations of PFAS sources and treatment of contamination
- 11 FTE positions
- Statutory language on setting interim PFAS standards

### Funded

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Updates

- **Wisconsin**
- **Other States**
- **Federal**

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Updates

## WisPAC Agencies

- DOA
- DATCP
- DOC
- DHS
- DOJ
- DMA
- DNR
- DPI
- DOR
- DSPPS
- DOT
- DVA
- OCI
- PSC
- UW
- WEDC
- WSLH





Updates

DNR

- PFAS Sites
- PFAS External Advisory Group
- Sampling
- Rulemaking

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# Action Items

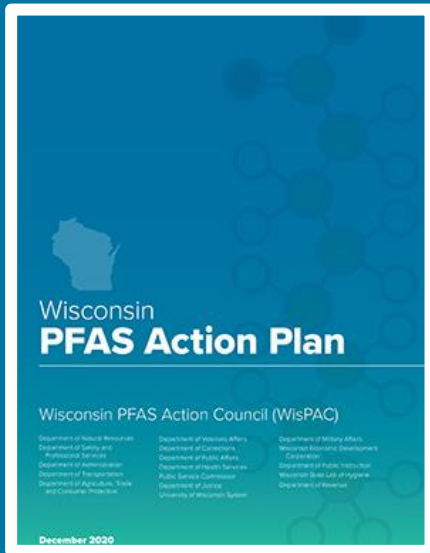
- 25 recommendations for action

# Guiding Principles

- Environmental Justice, Health Equity, Innovation & Pollution Prevention

# Action Plan Themes

- Standard Setting, Sampling, Pollution Prevention, Engagement, Education & Communication, Research & Knowledge, Phase Out, Future Investments, Identify & Address Historic Discharges







## Mid-year Review

### Today

#### 1. Review status & key activities



In progress



Action taken but attention needed



Not yet started

#### 2. Highlight current or anticipated obstacles

#### 3. Discuss path forward





## Standard Setting

### Action Item 1.1

Establish Science-Based Environmental Standards for PFAS



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget request
- Rulemaking underway for surface water, groundwater, & drinking water standards; not underway for air





## Standard Setting

### Action Item 1.2

Develop Recommendations for Management of PFAS-containing Landfill Leachate



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Effective Disposal BMP Guidance and Biosolids Management Document





## Sampling

### Action Item 2.1

Expand PFAS Site Investigations Using GIS Mapping



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Site prioritization model and screening tool
- External mapping tool





## Sampling

### Action Item 2.2

Facilitate Timely Collection of PFAS Data



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Timely reporting of PFAS Data from all sampled and analyzed media





## Sampling

### Action Item 2.3

Standardize PFAS Sampling Methods & Support Statewide Implementation



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Standard Protocols for Environmental Sampling of PFAS





## Sampling

### Action Item 2.4

#### Drinking Water Sampling



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget request
- Federally-funded Sampling of Subset of Public Water Systems (awaiting EPA approval)

**Obstacle:** Statewide testing as recommended by WisPAC will not be completed due to lack of sufficient staff and funding.





## Pollution Prevention

### Action Item 3.1

Partner with Firefighting Associations & Municipal Airports



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- DNR PFAS External Advisory Group, FAQs, Poster, BMPs for Firefighting Community







## Pollution Prevention

### Action Item 3.2

Amend Firefighting Foam Law § 299.48



Not yet started

### Considerations:

- Some communities have sought exemptions from the FAA and federal authorities to discontinue use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam.





## Pollution Prevention

### Action Item 3.3

Develop and Apply BMPs for Waste



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Effective Disposal Guidance





## Pollution Prevention

### Action Item 3.4

ID Sources & Reduce Discharges to Wastewater Facilities



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Wastewater sampling and treatment plant permitting





## Engagement, Education & Communication

### Action Item 4.1

Develop PFAS Risk Communication Infrastructure



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Public Information Sharing – Websites, Listening Sessions, Public Hearings, Email Listservs

#### Obstacle:

- Collaborative Staff Resources





## Engagement, Education & Communication

### Action Item 4.2

Facilitate Environmental Justice & Health Equity in WI



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget request (Office of EJ)
- Accessible information

#### Obstacle:

- Resources





## Engagement, Education & Communication

### Action Item 4.3

Develop & Promote New Partnerships to  
Increase Understanding of PFAS



In progress (complete?)

#### Key Activities:

- Established PFAS External Advisory Group (provides input on proposed policies)
- Established PFAS Technical Group (information sharing)





## Engagement, Education & Communication

### Action Item 4.4

Develop Exposure Reduction Recommendations  
for Public Sector Employees



Not yet started

#### Key Activities:

- Development of guidelines

#### Obstacle:

- Resources





## Engagement, Education & Communication

### Action Item 4.5

Enhance Collaboration Between Wisconsin and Federal Agencies on PFAS Relating to Military Installations



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Site-specific communication with DOD
- Meetings between DNR & DOD







## Research & Knowledge

### Action Item 5.1

Collaborate On and Implement Research



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Wisconsin-specific research supported and underway
- General PFAS research supported and underway
- Ongoing collaborations





## Research & Knowledge

### Action Item 5.2

Monitor Background Levels of PFAS in the Environment



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget request

#### Obstacle:

- None of the WisPAC recommendations related to background monitoring were included in the budget (SB 361 and AB 419 include some provisions; AB 419 does not include soil).





## Research & Knowledge

### Action Item 5.3

Collect Data on Drinking Water Treatment and Costs



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Develop and Disseminate PFAS Treatment Options and Costs





## Phase Out

### Action Item 6.1

Develop & Support Product Stewardship Mechanisms to Reduce PFAS Use



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- SB 361 and AB 419 include a prohibition of food packaging with intentionally added PFAS.





## Phase Out

### Action Item 6.2

Minimize State's Purchase of PFAS-containing Products



In progress

#### Key Activities:

- Update the existing PRO-209 Sustainability in Procurement policy
- Learning from other states





## Future Investments

### Action Item 7.1

Provide Support to WI Veterans to Address PFAS-related Health Risks



Not yet started

### Key Activities:

- SB 361 includes a statewide biomonitoring provision.





## Future Investments

### Action Item 7.2

Launch Collection, Disposal & Replacement Program for PFAS Firefighting Foam



In Progress

#### Key Activities:

- Final budget includes \$1M foam collection and disposal DNR program.





## Future Investments

### Action Item 7.3

Provide Financial Tools for Local Governments



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget and Legislative initiatives







## Identify & Address Historic Discharges

### Action Item 8.1

Improve Efficiency in Development of Long-Term Water Supply Solutions



In Progress

### Key Activities

- DNR currently providing...
- Process improvement opportunity

### Path forward?





## Identify & Address Historic Discharges

### Action Item 8.2

Develop New Tools to Address PFAS  
Contaminated Sites



Action taken but attention needed

#### Key Activities:

- Budget and Legislative initiatives





## Guiding Principles



Environmental Justice



Health Equity



Innovation



Pollution Prevention



In Progress





## Looking Ahead

- New and Emerging Priorities
- Preparing for Year-end Review





## Public Input

### **Public welcome to provide comment**

- Submit questions or comments via the chat function in Zoom (please indicate if you'd like to read aloud)

### **OR**

- "Raise Hand" and you'll be unmuted to provide your comment

We will do our best to address comments and requests to speak in the order that they are received

Please keep comments to 3 minutes





## Contacts

WisPAC web page for more updates and info:

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/contaminants/wispac.html>

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