Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) Public Advisory Group

March 5th, 2020
Agenda

• Welcome and introductions

• Recap insights from 2/12 meeting

• Group Discussion:
  – Refining and expanding redocumentations
  – Collecting information for issue papers

• Next Steps
Welcome
Local Government Advisory Group

- External co-chairs
  - Paul Kent
  - Lawrie Kobza

- State co-chairs
  - John Dickert, DOR
  - Jim Zellmer, DNR
WisPAC Meetings

Advisory Group Meetings

Public Meeting

Jan 16th

Feb 20th

Mar 19th

Apr 16th

Feb 12th

Feb 18th

Mar 5th

Apr 2nd

WisPAC approves draft Action Plan

We are here

21-day public comment period

Review & plan finalization

Submit June 30th

Timeline

Public input survey
Recap from 2/12 Meeting of the Local Government Advisory Group

- Purpose of 2/12 meeting – initiate process of gathering input from PFAS stakeholders
- Set stage for future meetings on 3/5 (prioritization of ideas) and 4/2 (feedback on WisPAC March meeting)
- Place ideas and input into one of four buckets
Focus Area 1: Preventing Future Discharges and Exposure (1/2)

- Evaluate necessity of PFAS and potential reduction/ban/substitution/replacement
- Create stricter labeling requirements (transparency) for manufacturers.
- Provide information for consumers on PFAS-containing products and uses.
Focus Area 1: Preventing Future Discharges and Exposure (2/2)

• Provide assistance for POTW pollution prevention program
  – Standardized industrial user survey
  – Information on products for informed public purchasing
  – Model ordinances and state enforcement support

• Model/standard ordinance language enforcement support from state
Focus Area 2: Inventorying and Minimizing Current PFAS Exposure

- Provide funding to inventory PFAS sources and address local PFAS issues
  - For fire departments to dispose of current supply and switch to fluorine-free foam
  - For LGU to identify degree and extent of known drinking water contamination
- BMP development for treatment and destruction/disposal
Focus Area 3: Identifying and Addressing Historical/Legacy PFAS Discharges and Exposure

- Fund and conduct additional studies around the state to identify and communicate known legacy sites
- Expedite development of statewide science-based cleanup standards for various media (soil, groundwater, sludge, landfill waste, etc.)
- Funding to LGUs:
  - Investigate extent of legacy contamination
  - Install treatment
Focus Area 4: Educating and Communicating PFAS Risks

• Provide clear communication on risks
  – Determine what various concentrations mean in what media
  – Identify and respond to knowledge or regulatory gaps as well as misinformation
  – Emphasize effective public education for broad audience, including marginalized groups

• Create communications/risk communications toolbox for municipalities

• Create dedicated website/resources combining DNR/DHS information
Other Input (1/2)

- Fast-track health standards for the most toxic or prevalent PFAS compounds.
  - Consider practicability of standards given widespread occurrence of PFAS.
- Get standards/BMPs ASAP for disposal methods like landspreading, landfilling, incineration, etc.
- Provide sustainable funding for dealing with persistent contamination (e.g. settlements with manufacturers or RPs, natural resource damage claims, etc.)
- Develop list of PFAS-free replacement products
Other Input (2/2)

- Identify research gaps & respond
  - Inventory and make available existing research (e.g. performance and availability of fluorine-free foams, toxicity of shorter chain compounds, etc.)
Refining and Expanding Our Recommendations

- Do the ideas listed reflect the feedback you provided?
- What changes would clarify the recommended actions?
- What other recommendations would you suggest including?
Developing Issue Papers

Final recommendations in the WisPAC Action plan will be organized into Issue Papers (see handout)

- WisPAC is developing these from the perspective of the state agencies

- We will now go through our initial ideas to do the same from the perspective of local government
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Next Steps

Joint meeting of Citizen/Public and Local Government advisory committees

**April 2\textsuperscript{nd}**

**10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**

GEF II in Madison
Organizing Output

How will WisPAC use advisory group recommendations?

General Public

Structured Survey

Meetings

PFAS Advisory Groups
- Local Government
- Citizen

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“Green lit” ideas for Action Plan

“Parking lot” ideas for future consideration
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- Meeting March 19th in Fitchburg
- Time and agenda will be posted to the WisPAC web page in the coming weeks.
Thank you!