



PFAS Exception Rulemaking Update

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Background Information

- In June 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted the first national regulations related to per- and polyfluroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- The federal rules include PFAS requirements for monitoring, reporting, public notification, treatment, and violations. They also set federal Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Across almost all contaminants, the federal MCLs are stricter than the State Action Levels (SALs) currently in rule.
- The federal rules also include a MCL hazard index for certain PFAS chemicals, to account for the additive effects of some combinations of PFAS.
- An exception rulemaking was necessary to adopt by reference the federal regulations in chapter 246-290 and 246-390 WAC, to incorporate these new requirements.

Exception Rulemaking

- The Board granted the Department's delegation request at the March 12 Board meeting.
- The CR-102 was filed on April 22 and the hearing was held on May 28.
- The Department anticipates filing the CR-103 by June 11 and the rule going into effect 31 days after the file date.

Questions?



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