



ASTSWMO Annual Meeting Federal Facilities Session

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PFAS Update

- **January 2021 – Protective Actions regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**

The goal of this guidance is twofold: 1) reduce potential exposure to PFAS by requiring an initial PFAS screening of on-site drinking water sources (e.g., from wells, springs, or surface water) to protect the health of our employees, visitors, and resources entrusted to our care; and 2) guide our current and future operations to avoid the purchase and use of products containing PFAS.



PFAS Update/Challenges - Purchasing

- DOI Office of Acquisition and Property Management
<https://www.doi.gov/pam/acquisition-sustainability>
- Executive Order 14057 Implementing Instructions Section 4.6 Net-Zero Procurement, Other Priority Policies
- Environmental Protection Agency
<https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/how-epas-recommended-standards-and-ecolabels-address-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances>
- Challenges
 - Safety Data Sheets
 - Labeling
 - Standards



PFAS Update/Challenges – Drinking Water

- Originally allowed 1 year, extended deadline to March 31, 2023
- Established against 2016 EPA Health Advisory, which has since changed
- Currently comparing sampling methodology to EPA Public Review Draft on Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
- Challenges
 - State Requirements
 - Changing Federal Guidance
 - Risk
 - Risk Communications



Clean up and Waste Management Challenges

- **Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) for cleanups**
 - Pending Departmental Guidance
 - Continuing discussions with DOD and EPA.
- **Hardrock Abandoned Mine Land Program – Established by the Bilateral Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
 - Includes DOI Bureaus and U.S. Forest Service
 - Working to stand up new program that will consist of a Federal subgroup and a Grant subgroup.
 - Grants will provide financial assistance to the States and Tribes
 - Creating a database to track Abandoned Mine Lands (AMLs)



Clean up and Waste Management Challenges (Cont.)

- **The BIL also authorized an Orphaned Well program**
 - Recently issued \$560M in Initial State Grants.
 - Working on State Formula Grants and Performance Grants in the coming months
 - The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission is consulting with us
 - Tribal Grant program is going through consultation this month
 - Planning to release our Tribal Grant guidance in November; applications will be due on January 20th, 2023.
- <https://www.doi.gov/oepc/legacy-pollution-remediation-and-reclamation>



Clean up and Waste Management Challenges (Cont.)

- Challenges
 - Doing our best with current resources
 - PFAS waste – spent water/waste from drinking water remediation, CERCLA and RCRA issues continue



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