CONNECTICUT INTERAGENCY PFAS TASK FORCE

September 18, 2019
1:30-3:00 pm
Hearing Room 2-D, Legislative Office Building

Led by the
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT of ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Agenda

• Welcome
• Task Force self-introductions
• Action Plan timeline
• Discussion of PFAS Task Force Action Plan
• Public comment
Welcome and Task Force self-introductions
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- **7/8**

**Meeting 1**

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- **11/1**

**Week of 8/12**

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**Week of 9/9**

- Committees draft Action Plan sections

**Public Comment by COB 10/15**
ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION
Regulating Discharges to the Environment

Remediation Standard Regulations

Pollution Prevention

Pollution Source Oversight
Task Force Committees

Human Health
Minimize human health risk and work to prevent human exposure
Meeting Dates:
August 16
September 10

Pollution Prevention
Minimize future releases of PFAS to the environment
Meeting Dates:
August 15
September 11

Remediation
Identify, assess, and clean up historic releases of PFAS to the environment
Meeting Dates:
August 16
September 12
Human Health Committee

Key Takeaways

• Communication – Clear and understandable information for all stakeholders
• Science-based decision-making
• Need for testing drinking water, fish, consumer products, shellfish, dairy, and other agricultural products
• Academia
• Laboratory capacity and standard methods
Action Plan: Strategic Focus 1

Protect the Health of CT Citizens

- Drinking water testing
- Identification of sources of human exposure
- Evaluation of laboratory capacity
- Effective communication and technical assistance
- Safe Drinking Water Advisory Council for Maximum Contaminant Level
Key Takeaways

• Importance of addressing AFFF
• Education, outreach, and communication about PFAS
• Need for understanding the universe of possible PFAS sources, including existing environmental discharges
• Need for establishing discharge limits for various media
• Concern about PFAS in consumer products and food packaging
Minimize Future Releases

- Determination of the universe of potential sources
- Initiatives to minimize future releases of AFFF
- Establishment of standards and discharge limits
- Evaluation of wastewater treatment plants, biosolids, and compost
- Consideration of PFAS-free consumer products for State contracts
Key Takeaways

• Determination of the universe of potential Sites
• Need for EPA-validated test methods for all media
• Desire for understanding concentrations of PFAS in CT’s environment
• Need for science-based cleanup standards for all media
• Communication of guidance to regulated community
• Need for safe cleanup technologies and disposal options
Identify & Clean Up Releases

• Develop GIS database of source sites and receptors
• Develop sampling strategy for environmental media
• Landfill, airport, and firefighting facility sampling
• Establish cleanup standards for all media
• Collaborate with stakeholders on remediation technology
Cross-Cutting Actions

• Education, outreach, and communication
• Publish natural resources, human health, and financial impact reports
TASK FORCE

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Please identify yourself and speak into the microphone
15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments will be accepted by close of business on October 15 to

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