

RESPONSES TO THE ACTION ITEMS
from the August 3, 2022 JBCC Cleanup Team Meeting

1. Mr. Goddard asked what DEP's and EPA's messaging will be for water providers and customers if MassDEP accepts a future stricter EPA Health Advisory for PFAS.

MassDEP response: *The Massachusetts drinking water regulations include a provision [310 CMR 22.07G(3)(e)] requiring MassDEP to review relevant developments in the science, assessment, and regulation of PFAS in drinking water for the purpose of evaluating whether to amend 310 CMR 22.07G(3) considering any advancements in analytical or treatment technology, toxicology and/or any other relevant information. Information about this review will be made available to the public. This review effort will likely begin in January 2023.*

EPA response: *The Safe Drinking Water Act gives individual states the opportunity to set and enforce their own drinking water standards if the standards are at a minimum as stringent as EPA's national standards.*

EPA is currently in the process of developing a proposed National Drinking Water Regulation for publication by the end of 2022 for PFOA and PFOS. As EPA undertakes this action, the agency is also evaluating additional PFAS and considering regulatory actions to address groups of PFAS. EPA anticipates finalizing the rule by the end of 2023. The proposal will include both a non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and an enforceable standard, or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or Treatment Technique.

If and when EPA or MassDEP update their PFAS drinking water standards, it is expected, at that time, the agencies will distribute appropriate messaging to water utilities and the public.

2. Mr. Goddard asked AFCEC and IAGWSP to provide an update to the JBCC CT, when appropriate, to define what changes/challenges there would be with an EPA PFAS Health Advisory change.

If/when there are changes to regulations, the cleanup programs will provide updates to the team at that time.