

Update on Governor's PFAS Executive Order

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Relating to the Public Health Risk from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and the Creation of the PFAS Coordinating Council

Create Public Information Website



Business

Licenses & Regulations

Recreation

Env. Protection

Contact

Join DNR

Search or Keywords

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s.

PFAS do not occur naturally and are widespread in the environment. They are found in people, wildlife and fish all over the world. Some PFAS can stay in peoples' bodies a long time and do not break down easily in the environment.

The U.S. EPA has established [cumulative-lifetime health advisories for PFOA and PFOS](#) [exit DNR], which are two PFAS that have been most widely produced and studied, at 70 parts per trillion (ppt). At the request of the DNR, the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services \(DHS\)](#) [exit DNR] is reviewing scientific literature to determine if there is sufficient toxicological information to recommend a groundwater quality standard for PFOA and PFOS in Wisconsin.

Public input opportunities

The DNR will continue to seek public input on PFAS investigation, contamination and cleanup issues. Public meetings are being held for [PFAS contamination in the Marinette and Peshtigo area](#).

The DNR has convened a [PFAS Technical Advisory Group](#) to discuss PFAS-related concerns. The group does not have an appointed membership; any interested party may attend.

News

Environmental impacts

Health impacts

Investigation and cleanup

Resources

In the news

- 10/16/19 news release: [DNR Sampling Shows Low Levels of PFAS Contamination In Peshtigo River](#) [Additional information is on the [Water quality PFAS initiatives page](#).]

Emerging contaminants

Join

or read about the PFAS Technical Advisory Group.

Read

about water quality PFAS initiatives and study results.

Stay informed

about PFAS contamination in the Marinette and Peshtigo area.

DNR database

- ▶ To view information on sites where PFAS contamination has been reported to the DNR, go to the [Remediation and Redevelopment Program database \(BRRIS on the Web\)](#).
- ▶ To find sites with PFAS contamination in the database, go to the "Advanced Search" tab, and under "Substances" search for "PFAS."

DNR PFAS resources

- ▶ [PFAS Technical Advisory Group](#)
- ▶ [Water quality PFAS initiatives](#)
- ▶ [FAQ - 2019 statewide PFAS surface water sampling effort](#)

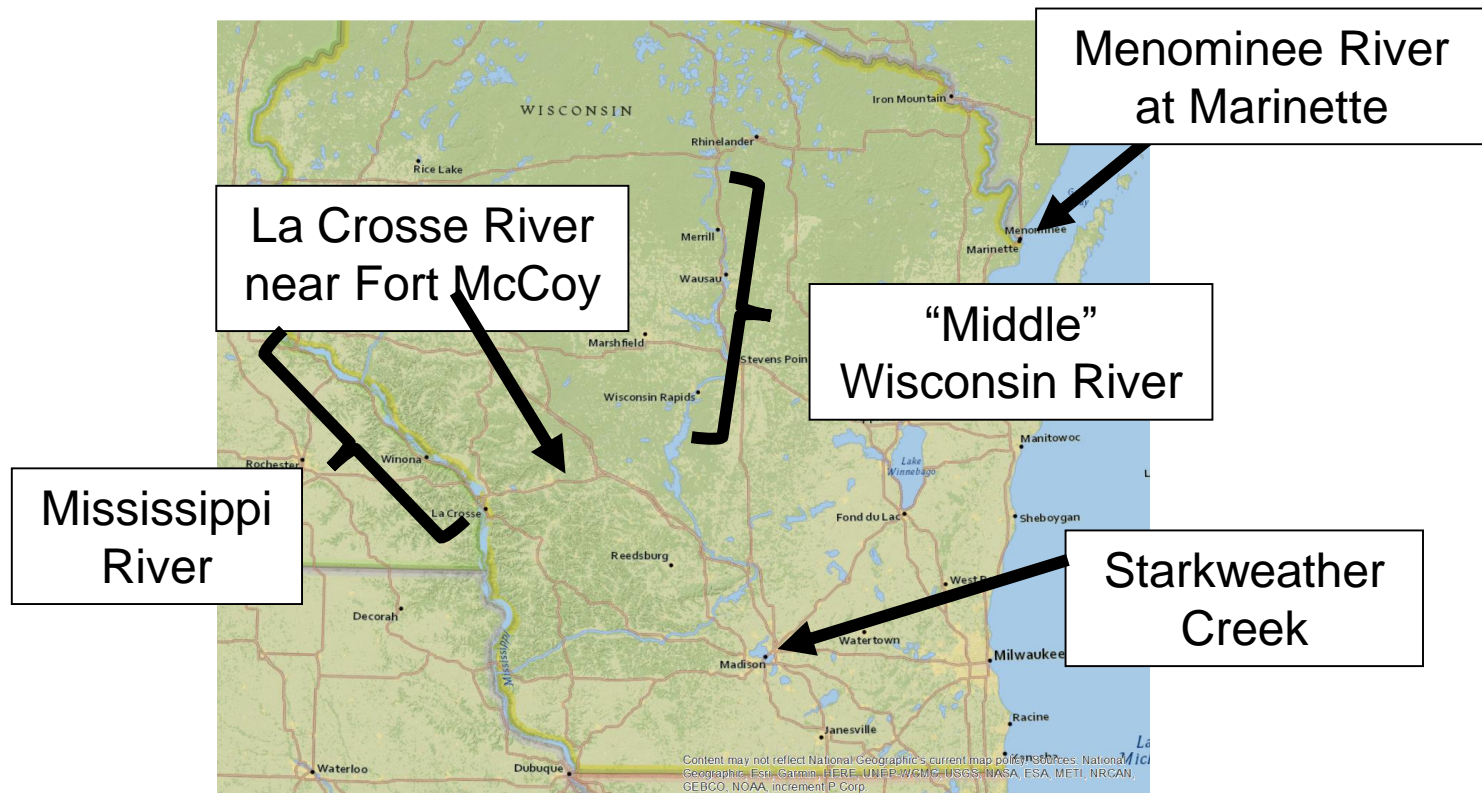


Collaborate with Municipalities to Identify PFAS Sources

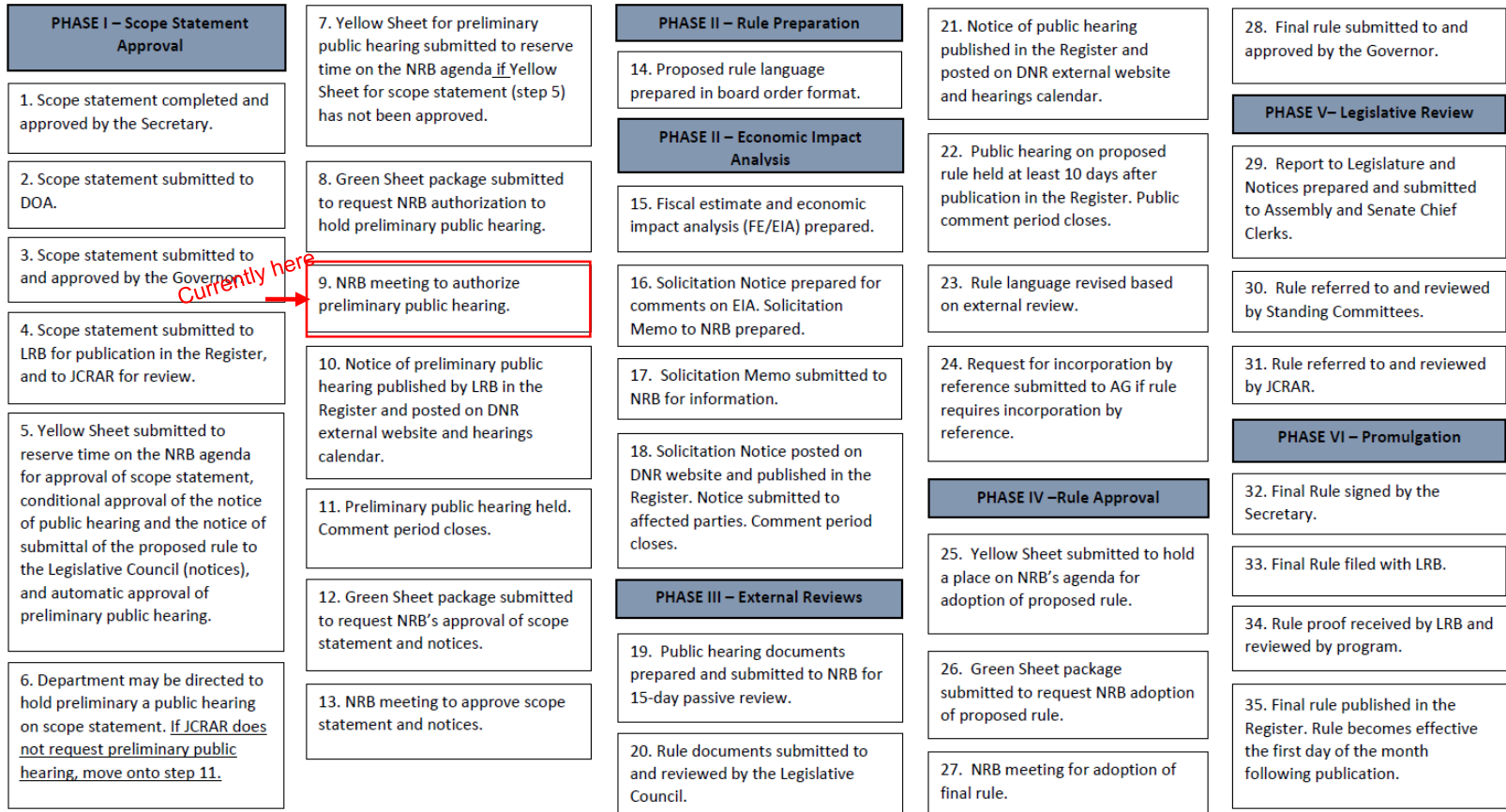
- Direct Release to Environment
 - Firefighting/training/testing (AFFF)
 - Military Installations
 - Airports
- Release from Industrial Applications
 - Non-stick cookware
 - Chrome platers
 - Some specialty papermills
- Landfills
- Wastewater Effluents and Biosolids

Expand PFAS Monitoring & Assess Consumption Advisories

2019 DNR Surface Water and Fish Tissue Monitoring



Develop Regulatory Standards





VPLE and NRD

- Modify the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption law to include PFAS
 - Protect taxpayers from uncertain and costly liability associated with PFAS
- Assess use of Natural Resource Damages claims
 - Restore public's lost use of natural resources due to PFAS releases



PFAS Coordinating Council

- DNR and other state agencies
 - PFAS action plan
 - Inform, educate and engage public
 - Identify/prioritize PFAS sources
 - Evaluate health risks and impacts on natural resources, agriculture, wildlife and fisheries
 - Develop protocols to properly manage PFAS-containing materials



PFAS Coordinating Council (cont.)

- Partner with stakeholders to develop cost-efficient and effective testing and treatment protocols
- Engage academics and experts
- Explore funding options to address PFAS



Questions?

