



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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DW Utilities Urged to Look for Needs Survey and Be Sure to Complete It

The NJDEP told the Water Sector Security Working Group on March 6 that it will soon be circulating the needs survey that is the basis for the federal government's decision on New Jersey's drinking water SRF allocation.

Gene Chebra, of the NJ Water Bank, said the survey is done every four years. Competition for funds in the upcoming funding cycle will be intense, he said, as drinking water utilities across the nation jockey for the funding. The survey is voluntary, but Chebra said it is critical that drinking water utilities complete it to improve New Jersey's chance of increasing its share of SRF funds. Currently, he said, NJ receives the minimal amount.

PFAS/PFOA Regulations to be Adopted

Alaina Ungarini of the NJDEP told the same group mentioned above that the Department anticipates adopting regulations for the perfluorinated chemicals PFAS/PFOA in April. The DEP proposes MCLs of 14 parts per trillion for PFOA and 13 parts per trillion for PFOS.

The rules also propose these levels as formal ground water quality standards for the purposes of site remediation activities and discharges to ground water. They also impose private well testing requirements.

After rule adoption, all public water systems must begin quarterly monitoring for PFOA and PFOS within the first quarter of 2021, although Ungarini did say there will be some provision for reduced required monitoring in certain instances. Currently, systems can provide DEP with results on a voluntary basis. Ungarini said that 12% of the systems that have submitted so far show some kind of detection level.

The DEP does anticipate having I-Bank funding available to help systems comply. AEA was one of many groups and utilities that commented on the proposed rules.

[Here are the proposed rules.](#)

Notes on Tomorrow's AEA Conference

*Utility Management Conference
March 10-11, 2020*

Conference Attendees:

We will be asking all who attend or plan to attend the conference next week to take extra care about personal hygiene. If you are sick, please stay home and rest. If you feel sick while at the conference, please go home to rest.

At the conference, avoid shaking hands. Make ample use of the hand sanitizer we will make available. Heed the CDC guidelines to mitigate transmission of illness - we will be posting them throughout the conference area.

Tuesday - 4 w/ww credits (10B 1w/3ww)

Wednesday - 3 w/ww credits

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