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## Board of Water Commissioners

### Meeting Agenda

**Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

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- **Comments from the public**
- **Approve minutes from the meetings of 2/16, 2/27, and 3/6**
- **Appoint one Commissioner to sign warrants while conducting meetings virtually**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
  - Current sample data, if available
  - Proposed EPA Regulation
- Discussion of Water Bill Discount Program

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Habitat for Humanity Discussion on Connection Fees
- Review of Annual Meeting

***Any agenda item(s) which did not come to the attention of the Board of Water Commissioners 48 hours prior to this meeting and were not reasonably anticipated.***

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Acton Water District  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA  
Thursday, February 16, 2023

**AGENDA**

- A. Comments from the public
- B. New Business
  - Review and Approve District Manager Employment Contract
  - Appoint District Assistant Treasurer

Due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home order by Governor Charles Baker, the Board of Water Commissioners meeting was not held at the Acton Water District Office; instead, the meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and was recorded. The meeting was called to order at 8:01AM on Thursday, February 16, 2023, by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**Present at Today's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen, Stephen Stuntz (Chair)  
District Manager: Matthew Mostoller  
District Treasurer: Christine McCarthy  
Finance Committee: William Guthlein

**A. Comments from the Public:**

None

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

Review and Approve District Manager Employment Contract

Mr. Stuntz motioned to accept the District Manager's contract as distributed by Mary Bassett. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Rosen, and Mr. Stuntz.

Appoint District Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Rosen motioned to appoint Matthew Mostoller as Assistant District Treasurer. Mr. Stuntz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Stuntz, and Mr. Rosen.

*Mr. Stuntz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06AM. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Rosen, and Mr. Stuntz.*

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Acton Water District  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA  
Monday, February 27, 2023

**AGENDA**

**A. Comments from the public**

**B. Approve minutes from the 2/6**

**C. Appoint one Commissioner to sign warrants while conducting meetings virtually**

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- Current sample data, if available

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2022 District Annual Report

2. Prepare for Annual Meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District.

Due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home order by Governor Charles Baker, the Board of Water Commissioners meeting was not held at the Acton Water District Office; instead, the meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and was recorded. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023, by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**Present at Tonight's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen, Stephen Stuntz (Chair)

District Manager: Matthew Mostoller

District Treasurer: Christine McCarthy

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

Finance Committee: Ron Parenti

Commissioners Secretary: Lynn Protasowicki

District Moderator: Bill Mullin

**Public Present:**

Lucy Kirshner, David Hardt, Chris Allen, Susan Mitchell-Hardt

**A. Comments from the Public.**

Lucy Kirshner has three messages from the Green Acton Water Committee. They are really from Kim Kastens who is attending the Selectboard meeting this evening. She is asking the Selectboard to schedule an agenda item to discuss PFAS data from the Adams Street Wastewater

Treatment plant. There is a new post on the Green Acton website regarding the road salt runoff and although most of it is about the elevated conductivity data in the brooks and streams there is also a quote from Matt Mostoller about the rising chloride in the AWD well water. Lastly, in early February the Acton Area League of Women's Voters held a community workshop who were interested in having a local nonprofit newspaper. The "icebreaker" question was "where do you get your local news from". Most responded that they get their information from the Acton Water District newsletter especially their concern and information regarding PFAS.

## **B. Approve Minutes from the 2/6 Meeting.**

Mr. Rosen moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/6/2023 as modified. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.

## **C. Appoint One Commissioner to Sign Warrants While Conducting Meetings Virtually.**

Mr. Rosen moved to appoint Stephen Stuntz as the Commissioner to approve warrants while conducting meetings virtually until the next meeting of the Commissioners. Ms. Amir-Lin seconded, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- Current sample data, if available

Matt Mostoller provided an update on current samples for the month of January for North Acton. It came in at 18 PPT. The District is meeting the standard. He reminded the Commissioners that in January South Acton Water Treatment Plant was at 17.5 PPT and the Central Acton Water Treatment Plant was at 25.8 PPT. We have now collected all of our February samples but don't expect results until the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. We did violate the MCL for the last quarter of 2022 so we will be sending another public notice. MassDEP is going to allow the District to mail a postcard in lieu of the full 2 page notice.

Both pilots are now completed in Central and South Acton. We are currently waiting on the pilot test reports from the engineer. We expect to see those sometime in April.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. 2022 District Annual Report

Matt Mostoller stated that the District mailed a postcard and also emailed customers announcing the availability of the annual report on the District's website [www.actonwater.com/annualreport](http://www.actonwater.com/annualreport). The annual report includes the warrant articles, the proposed budget, and financials from the audit as well as the various reports from Commissioners, staff, Finance Committee and Treasurer/Collector.

The newest *WaterWords* newsletter was linked onto the website. The website is [www.actonwater.com/waterwords](http://www.actonwater.com/waterwords) and it will take you directly to the newsletter. There is an article about PFAS, an article about changes in personnel, an article about the 549 Main Street acquisition, and the warrant articles for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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2. Prepare for Annual Meeting

The Commissioners, Counselor Bassett, Matt Mostoller and Christine McCarthy reviewed each of the articles with District Moderator, Bill Mullin, in preparation for the Annual Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Barry Rosen – did the Finance Committee recommend approving Articles 15 - 25?  
Matt stated that the Finance Committee met on February 14<sup>th</sup> and voted to recommend all the articles.

Counselor Bassett will send a final copy of the Articles to the Commissioners and Bill Mullin.

Matt reminded folks that the Annual Meeting will be in person on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the RJ Gray Junior High auditorium and it will be starting at 6PM.

*Mr. Stuntz moved to adjourn the open meeting and move into Executive Session at 8:02 PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.*

**Next Meeting: March 20, 2023**

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Board of Water Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Acton Water District  
693 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA  
Monday, March 6, 2023

**AGENDA**

A. Comments from the public

B. Old Business: Discussion with Baldco re: 104 Powdermill Road Rear/ 36 Knox Trail purchase and terms of long-term lease

C. New Business

1. Appoint a Commissioner to sign the warrants until the last meeting of the month of March.

2. Recommendation from Wright Pierce to award the contract for the NAWTP PFAS

treatment system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District.

Due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home order by Governor Charles Baker, the Board of Water Commissioners meeting was not held at the Acton Water District Office; instead, the meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and was recorded. The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM on Monday, March 6, 2023, by Mr. Stephen Stuntz.

**Present at Today's Meeting:**

Commissioners: Erika Amir-Lin, Barry Rosen, Stephen Stuntz (Chair)

District Manager: Matthew Mostoller

District Treasurer: Christine McCarthy

District Counsel: Mary Bassett

**Public Present:**

Jason Wolfe, Atty. Louis Levine

**A. Comments from the Public.**

None

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion with Baldco re: 104 Powdermill Road Rear/ 36 Knox Trail purchase and terms of long-term lease

Atty. Levine addressed the Board and spoke of the lease being a very important piece of the Purchase & Sale agreement.

Mr. Wolfe then addressed the Board and stated he has been involved with this project for the past few years. He was very interested when Chris Allen approached Baldco about purchasing the land. He is hoping we can find some common ground with the lease amount going forward.

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Atty. Levine feels the lease payment is “found money” for the District because the portion of the land Baldco is utilizing is a benign use.

Mr. Stuntz asked if either Mr. Wolfe or Atty. Levine had anything else to add in addition to the information they have already provided.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the 30-year lease is very important; radio tower leases are typically 30 years or longer. He has taken an in depth look at the numbers and \$850 per month is the best he can offer.

Mr. Stuntz asked if Mr. Rosen or Ms. Amir-Lin had any additional questions for Atty. Levine or Mr. Wolfe. There were none.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mostoller had two items that had come up after this meeting was posted:

1. A technicality was identified by Mr. Rosen relative to the appointment of a Commissioner to sign the warrants due to the scheduling of this meeting. Mr. Mostoller asked for a motion to appoint a Commissioner to sign the warrants until the last meeting of the month of March. Mr. Rosen made the motion, seconded by Ms. Amir-Lin. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Stuntz, and Mr. Rosen.
2. The recommendation from Wright Pierce to award the contract for the NAWTP PFAS treatment system was received. Mr. Mostoller asked the Board if they could schedule a date to review the contract and obtain wet signatures. The Commissioners will need to vote to award the contract and then sign.

Additionally, an executive session will be scheduled just prior to the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in case it is needed. Actual location of the meeting to be determined.

*Mr. Rosen motioned to adjourn the open meeting and move into Executive Session at 2:24PM to discuss the purchase, exchange, and lease of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District. Mr. Rosen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Ms. Amir-Lin, Mr. Rosen, Ms. Amir-Lin, and Mr. Stuntz.*

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 3PM via Zoom**

## Matt Mostoller

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**From:** Carolyn Read <carolyn@ncmhabitat.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:58 PM  
**To:** Matt Mostoller  
**Subject:** RE: Last Nights Meeting

Hello Matt,

Yes, I am able to attend the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom and I will be prepared to talk about fees and reductions from other communities.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Carolyn

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**From:** Matt Mostoller [mailto:Matt@actonwater.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** Carolyn Read  
**Subject:** RE: Last Nights Meeting

Good Afternoon Carolyn,

I have discussed your request with the chair of our Board. We would like to invite you to our Board meeting on March 20 at 7pm. This is currently planned to be a Zoom meeting. Please let me know if you are able to attend and I will add you to the agenda. It would be helpful to understand what you have seen in other communities relative to fees reductions and waivers.

-Matt

**From:** Carolyn Read <carolyn@ncmhabitat.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:55 PM  
**To:** Matt Mostoller <Matt@actonwater.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Last Nights Meeting

Hello, Matt,

I sent the email below to Chris and received his auto reply so forwarding to you.

Thanks!

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**From:** Carolyn Read [mailto:carolyn@ncmhabitat.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'Chris Allen'  
**Subject:** RE: Last Nights Meeting

Hi Chris,

We are well underway with the Acton home we are building and hope to be done by June. I was hoping that I could come present, unrelated to this build, to the Commission on affordable housing and make a plea for a future policy on fee reductions for non-profits and/or affordable housing. Would that be possible?

Thank you.

Carolyn

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**From:** Chris Allen [mailto:Chris@actonwater.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** Thomas Dufault  
**Cc:** Carolyn Read; rick@ncmhabitat.org; AWD Commissioners  
**Subject:** RE: Last Nights Meeting

Good morning, Tom.

Thanks for the message. The Board did take up this request last evening, and it was not granted. There is no precedent for this in recent District history, although similar requests have been made for affordable housing, 40B and other. The Commissioners do not like to be in the position of having to be selective of which do, and do not get a waiver of fees; thus they prefer to be consistent and fair in their administration thereof.

The Board did express their support of projects like this, and feel that they're extremely valuable in Acton.

Respectfully,

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*"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water"*- Benjamin Franklin, 1776

**From:** Thomas Dufault <TDufault@bankmainstreet.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:03 AM

**To:** Chris Allen <Chris@actonwater.com>

**Subject:** Last Nights Meeting

Hi Chris,

My apologies for missing last night's Board Meeting. Carolyn Read had asked me to attend on Habitat's behalf and I got caught up in a family matter and I forgot about the meeting. Is there a time that you are available today for a quick call? I know me not attending the meeting last night does not bode well for our request for a waiver of the fee or our organizations character in general. I can assure you that this is 100% my fault and that our organization takes our commitment to the communities we serve seriously. Let me know your availability.

Thank you!

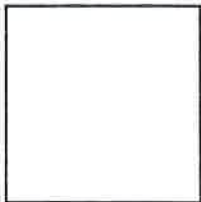
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# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

## Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

**NEW** On March 14, 2023, EPA announced the proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA, commonly known as GenX Chemicals), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS). The proposed PFAS NPDWR does not require any actions until it is finalized. EPA anticipates finalizing the regulation by the end of 2023. EPA expects that if fully implemented, the rule will prevent thousands of deaths and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses.

EPA is requesting public comment on the proposed regulation. The public comment period will open following the proposed rule publishing in the Federal Register. Public comments can be provided at that time at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)  under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0114. Information on submitting comments to EPA dockets can be found [here](#).

EPA will be holding two informational webinars about the proposed PFAS NDPWR on March 16, 2023, and March 29, 2023. The webinars will be similar, with each intended for specific audiences. Registration is required to attend. The webinar recordings and presentation materials will be made available following the webinars at this website. For questions related to the public webinars, contact PFASNDPWR@epa.gov.

- [March 16, 2023 \(2:00-3:00 pm Eastern Time\) Webinar Registration: General Overview of Proposed PFAS NDPWR](#)
- [March 29, 2023 \(2:00-3:00 pm Eastern Time\) Webinar Registration: Technical Overview of Proposed PFAS NDPWR](#)

EPA will also be holding a public hearing on May 4, 2023, where members of the public can register to attend and provide verbal comments to EPA on the rule proposal. Registration is required to attend and the last day to register to speak at the hearing is April 28, 2023. For questions related to the public hearing, contact PFASNDPWR@epa.gov.

- [May 4, 2023 Proposed PFAS NDPWR Public Hearing Registration](#)

# Summary

EPA is proposing a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) to establish legally enforceable levels, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for six PFAS in drinking water. PFOA and PFOS as individual contaminants, and PFHxS, PFNA, PFBS, and HFPO-DA (commonly referred to as GenX Chemicals) as a PFAS mixture. EPA is also proposing health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for these six PFAS.

Compound	Proposed MCLG	Proposed MCL (enforceable levels)
PFOA	Zero	4.0 parts per trillion (also expressed as ng/L)
PFOS	Zero	4.0 ppt
PFNA		
PFHxS	1.0 (unitless)	1.0 (unitless)
PFBS	Hazard Index	Hazard Index
HFPO-DA (commonly referred to as GenX Chemicals)		

The proposed rule would also require public water systems to:

- Monitor for these PFAS
- Notify the public of the levels of these PFAS
- Reduce the levels of these PFAS in drinking water if they exceed the proposed standards.

## Supporting Materials

- [Pre-Publication Federal Register Notice: PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation \(pdf\)](#) (2.02 MB, March 2023)
- [Fact Sheet: EPA's Proposal to Limit PFAS in Drinking Water \(pdf\)](#) (240.74 KB, March 2023)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation \(pdf\)](#) (268.2 KB)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation FAQs for Drinking Water Primary Agencies \(pdf\)](#) (267.89 KB)
- [EPA PFAS Drinking Water Health Advisories](#)

## Technical Materials

- [Public Comment Draft: Proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for PFOA \(pdf\)](#) (12.83 MB)
- [Public Comment Draft - Appendix: Proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for PFOA \(pdf\)](#) (15.58 MB)
- [Public Comment Draft: Proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for PFOS \(pdf\)](#) (11.74 MB)
- [Public Comment Draft - Appendix: Proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for PFOS \(pdf\)](#) (13.18 MB)
- [Framework for Estimating Noncancer Health Risks Associated with Mixtures of PFAS \(pdf\)](#) (3.24 MB)
- [Maximum Contaminant Level Goal Summary Document for a Mixture of Four PFAS: GenX Chemicals, PFBS, PFNA, and PFHxS \(pdf\)](#) (1015.7 KB)
- [Economic Analysis for the Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation \(pdf\)](#) (5.65 MB)
- [Economic Analysis for the Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Appendices \(pdf\)](#) (6.53 MB)
- All other Technical Support Documents for the Proposed PFAS NPDWR will be available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)  under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0114 after the proposed regulation publishes in the Federal Register.

# Background

Under the [Safe Drinking Water Act](#), EPA has the authority to set enforceable National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) for drinking water contaminants and require monitoring of public water systems. In March 2021, EPA published [Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Contaminant Candidate List](#) which included a final determination to regulate PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. As a part of that final determination, EPA indicated it would also evaluate additional PFAS and consider regulatory actions to address groups of PFAS.



PFAS tend to co-occur with each other. This regulation will also remove many other PFAS when they co-occur with these six regulated PFAS. EPA is following recent peer-reviewed science that indicates that mixtures of PFAS can pose a health risk greater than each chemical on its own. Concurrent with the proposed PFAS NPDWR released on March 14, 2023, EPA also announced it is making preliminary regulatory determinations for PFNA, GenX Chemicals, PFHxS, and PFBS in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory development process. EPA proposes in to regulate PFNA, GenX Chemicals, PFHxS, and PFBS using a Hazard Index formula

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# PFAS NPDWR Consultations and Stakeholder Engagements

As required under the Safe Drinking Water Act and other federal Statutes and executive orders, EPA engaged in multiple consultations and stakeholder engagement activities as a part of the development of the proposed NPDWR for PFAS. Key consultations and engagements included:

- **Webinar on Preparing Communities to Engage in EPA's Upcoming Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Regulatory Process:** EPA held a public webinar on November 2, 2022, to provide information to communities about PFAS in drinking water, actions under the Safe Drinking Water Act to develop the proposed PFAS NDPWR, and how to participate in the rulemaking process and offer EPA input on the proposed rule once it is published.
  - Webinar Presentation: Preparing for Engagement in EPA's Upcoming Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Regulatory Process (English) [Preparing for Engagement in EPA's Upcoming Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Regulatory Process \(pdf\)](#) (1.31 MB)
  - Presentación del Seminario Virtual: Preparando para la Participación en el Próximo Proceso de Regulación del Agua Potable de Sustancias de Perfluoroalquilo y Polifluoroalquilo (PFAS) propuesto por la EPA (Español) [Preparando para la Participación en el Próximo Proceso de Regulación del Agua Potable de Sustancias de Perfluoroalquilo y Polifluoroalquilo \(PFAS\) propuesto por la EPA \(pdf\)](#) (1.84 MB)
  - Webinar Recording: Preparing for Engagement in EPA's Upcoming Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Regulatory Process ([English](#)) [English](#) [Español](#)
  - Grabación del Seminario Web: Preparando para la Participación en el Próximo Proceso de Regulación del Agua Potable de Sustancias de Perfluoroalquilo y Polifluoroalquilo (PFAS) propuesto por la EPA ([subtítulos en Español](#)) [Español](#) [English](#)
- **Science Advisory Board (SAB):** EPA transmitted to the Science Advisory Board four draft documents with recent scientific data and new analyses that indicate that negative health effects may occur at much lower levels of exposure to PFOA and PFOS than previously understood. The draft documents presented EPA's initial analysis and findings with respect to this new information. EPA made these draft documents available to the public to ensure a transparent and robust evaluation of the available information.
  - For more information about the these documents or the SAB review, including the SAB's final report, please visit [the SAB website](#).
  - Press release: [EPA Advances Science to Protect the Public from PFOA and PFOS in Drinking Water](#)

- **Environmental Justice Considerations for the Development of the Proposed PFAS NPDWR:** EPA held two identical virtual public meetings to share information and provide opportunities for communities to offer input on environmental justice considerations related to the development of the proposed PFAS NPDWR. The meetings were held on March 2, 2022, and April 5, 2022.
  - [Federal Register Notice - Notice of Public Meeting: Environmental Justice Considerations for the Development of the Proposed PFAS NPDWR](#) 
  - EPA also accepted written public comments in the public docket. The docket can be found at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). [Docket ID: EPA-HQ-QW-2022-0114](#) 
  - Meeting materials and meeting summaries for both meetings are available in the public docket.
- **Regulatory Flexibility Act/Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:** EPA invited small entities, specifically public water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people, to participate as Small Entity Representatives (SERs) for a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel that focused on the Agency's efforts to develop a proposed PFAS NPDWR. When taking action on PFAS, EPA intends to ensure that small entities, particularly those in disadvantaged communities, are fully engaged in solutions. For more information about the SBAR panel, please see <https://www.epa.gov/reg-flex/potential-sbar-panel-pfas-national-primary-drinking-water-regulation>.
- **Other Consultations and Engagements:** EPA consulted with other stakeholders in 2022, including the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, State and Local Government Officials, Tribal Officials, and others.

# Further Information

To learn more about PFAS and to find important background information to support understanding the details of specific actions EPA takes to address PFAS and other emerging events related to PFAS visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>.

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