

lakes, streams, springs, wells, wetlands, rivers, aquifers, and soil using the performance standard developed under section 8932(a) of this title.

(b) Requirements

In carrying out the sampling under subsection (a), the Director shall—

- (1) first carry out the sampling at sources of drinking water near locations with known or suspected releases of highly fluorinated compounds;
- (2) when carrying out sampling of sources of drinking water under paragraph (1), carry out the sampling prior to and, at the request of the Administrator, after any treatment of the water;
- (3) survey for ecological exposure to highly fluorinated compounds, with a priority in determining direct human exposure through drinking water; and
- (4) consult with—
 - (A) States to determine areas that are a priority for sampling; and
 - (B) the Administrator—
 - (i) to enhance coverage of the sampling; and
 - (ii) to avoid unnecessary duplication.

(c) Report

Not later than 120 days after the completion of the sampling under subsection (a), the Director shall prepare a report describing the results of the sampling and submit the report to—

- (1) the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives;
- (3) the Senators of each State in which the Director carried out the sampling; and
- (4) each Member of the House of Representatives who represents a district in which the Director carried out the sampling.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, § 7333, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2282.)

§ 8934. Data usage

(a) In general

The Director shall provide the sampling data collected under section 8933 of this title to—

- (1) the Administrator; and
- (2) other Federal and State regulatory agencies on request.

(b) Usage

The sampling data provided under subsection (a) shall be used to inform and enhance assessments of exposure, likely health and environmental impacts, and remediation priorities.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, § 7334, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2283.)

§ 8935. Collaboration

In carrying out this subchapter, the Director shall collaborate with—

- (1) appropriate Federal and State regulators;
- (2) institutions of higher education;
- (3) research institutions; and
- (4) other expert stakeholders.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, § 7335, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2283.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—EMERGING
CONTAMINANTS

§ 8951. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Contaminant

The term “contaminant” means any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

(2) Contaminant of emerging concern; emerging contaminant

The terms “contaminant of emerging concern” and “emerging contaminant” mean a contaminant—

- (A) for which the Administrator has not promulgated a national primary drinking water regulation; and
- (B) that may have an adverse effect on the health of individuals.

(3) Federal research strategy

The term “Federal research strategy” means the coordinated cross-agency plan for addressing critical research gaps related to detecting, assessing exposure to, and identifying the adverse health effects of emerging contaminants in drinking water developed by the Office of Science and Technology Policy in response to the report of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate accompanying S. 1662 of the 115th Congress (S. Rept. 115–139).

(4) Technical assistance and support

The term “technical assistance and support” includes—

- (A) assistance with—
 - (i) identifying appropriate analytical methods for the detection of contaminants;
 - (ii) understanding the strengths and limitations of the analytical methods described in clause (i);
 - (iii) troubleshooting the analytical methods described in clause (i);
- (B) providing advice on laboratory certification program elements;
- (C) interpreting sample analysis results;
- (D) providing training with respect to proper analytical techniques;
- (E) identifying appropriate technology for the treatment of contaminants; and
- (F) analyzing samples, if—
 - (i) the analysis cannot be otherwise¹ obtained in a practicable manner otherwise;¹ and
 - (ii) the capability and capacity to perform the analysis is available at a Federal facility.

(5) Working Group

The term “Working Group” means the Working Group established under section 8952(b)(1) of this title.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, § 7341, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2283.)

¹ So in original.