#### (D) Water contaminant information tool

The Administrator shall integrate the database established under subparagraph (C) into the Water Contaminant Information Tool of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## (4) Funding

Of the amounts available to the Administrator, the Administrator may use not more than \$15,000,000 in a fiscal year to carry out this subsection.

## (e) Report

Not less frequently than once every 2 years until 2029, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that describes the progress made in carrying out this subchapter.

#### (f) Effect

Nothing in this section modifies any obligation of a State, local government, or Indian Tribe with respect to treatment methods for, or testing or monitoring of, drinking water.

(Pub. L. 116-92, div. F, title LXXIII, §7342, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2284.)

# SUBCHAPTER V—OTHER MATTERS

# $\$\,8961.$ PFAS destruction and disposal guidance

## (a) In general

Not later than 1 year after December 20, 2019, the Administrator shall publish interim guidance on the destruction and disposal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including—

- (1) aqueous film-forming foam;
- (2) soil and biosolids;
- (3) textiles, other than consumer goods, treated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances;
- (4) spent filters, membranes, resins, granular carbon, and other waste from water treatment;
- (5) landfill leachate containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; and
- (6) solid, liquid, or gas waste streams containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances from facilities manufacturing or using perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

# (b) Considerations; inclusions

The interim guidance under subsection (a) shall—

- (1) take into consideration—
- (A) the potential for releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances during destruction or disposal, including through volatilization, air dispersion, or leachate; and
- (B) potentially vulnerable populations living near likely destruction or disposal sites; and
- (2) provide guidance on testing and monitoring air, effluent, and soil near potential destruction or disposal sites for releases described in paragraph (1)(A).

## (c) Revisions

The Administrator shall publish revisions to the interim guidance under subsection (a) as the

Administrator determines to be appropriate, but not less frequently than once every 3 years.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, §7361, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2289.)

## § 8962. PFAS research and development

#### (a) In general

The Administrator, acting through the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development, shall—

- (1)(A) further examine the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances on human health and the environment; and
- (B) make publicly available information relating to the findings under subparagraph (A);
- (2) develop a process for prioritizing which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or classes of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, should be subject to additional research efforts that is based on—
  - (A) the potential for human exposure to the substances or classes of substances;
  - (B) the potential toxicity of the substances or classes of substances; and
  - (C) information available about the substances or classes of substances;
- (3) develop new tools to characterize and identify perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the environment, including in drinking water, wastewater, surface water, groundwater, solids, and the air;
- (4) evaluate approaches for the remediation of contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the environment; and
- (5) develop and implement new tools and materials to communicate with the public about perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

# (b) Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. F, title LXXIII, §7362, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2290.)

# § 8963. Interagency body on research related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

# (a) Establishment

The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, acting through the National Science and Technology Council, shall establish, or designate, an interagency working group to coordinate Federal activities related to PFAS research and development.

# (b) Agency participation

The interagency working group shall include a representative of each of—  $\,$ 

- (1) the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (2) the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences;
- (3) the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry;
  - (4) the National Science Foundation;
  - (5) the Department of Defense;
  - (6) the National Institutes of Health;