

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;
- (7) the National Institute of Standards and Technology;
- (8) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- (9) the Department of the Interior;
- (10) the Department of Transportation;
- (11) the Department of Homeland Security;
- (12) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- (13) the National Toxicology Program;
- (14) the Department of Agriculture;
- (15) the Geological Survey;
- (16) the Department of Commerce;
- (17) the Department of Energy;
- (18) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs;
- (19) the Office of Management and Budget; and
- (20) any such other Federal department or agency as the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy considers appropriate.

(c) Co-chairs

The Interagency working group shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Science