

Advocacy Recommends EPA Extend the Comment Period on its Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Rulemaking

On March 29, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) rulemaking for the following PFAS:

- perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)
- perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)
- hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) and its ammonium salt (also known as a GenX chemicals)
- perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
- perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS)

The proposed rule requires public water systems to monitor for these PFAS, notify the public of the levels of these PFAS, and reduce the levels of these PFAS in drinking water if they exceed the proposed standards. The Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) has filed a public comment to recommend an extension of the public comment period for this proposed rule.

EPA's current comment deadline for May 30, 2023, provides stakeholders with only 62 days to review its proposed actions, and over 1,000 dense supporting materials replete with complex, technical analyses. Small entities and their representatives have expressed concerns about their ability to provide constructive feedback given the scope and complexity of the proposal. Therefore, Advocacy urges EPA to extend the public comment period by at least 30 days to allow for small entities to participate more meaningfully in this rulemaking process. Such an extension will allow small entities the time and preparation necessary to provide comprehensive and detailed comments on this important rulemaking.

A complete copy of [Advocacy's letter to EPA is available](#). For more information, please contact Tabby Zeb, Assistant Chief Counsel, at tayyaba.zeb@sba.gov or (202) 798-7405.

