

## **Advocacy Provides Public Comment on EPA's 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 public comments for this proposed rule.

Advocacy is concerned that small water systems will not have the adequate funds to ensure a timely compliance with EPA's proposed requirements. Therefore, Advocacy recommends that the agency consider alternatives standards and provide regulatory flexibilities to reduce the compliance burden on small water systems. Advocacy also urges EPA to address small entity concerns with its proposed actions for PFHxS, GenX chemicals, PFNA, and PFBS, by issuing regulations in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

