PFAS Regulation WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR CLASS I WELLS?

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MUNICIPAL WASTE WATER

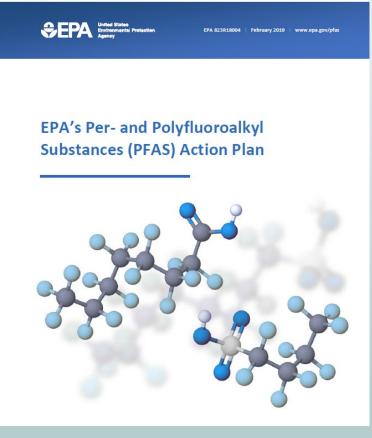
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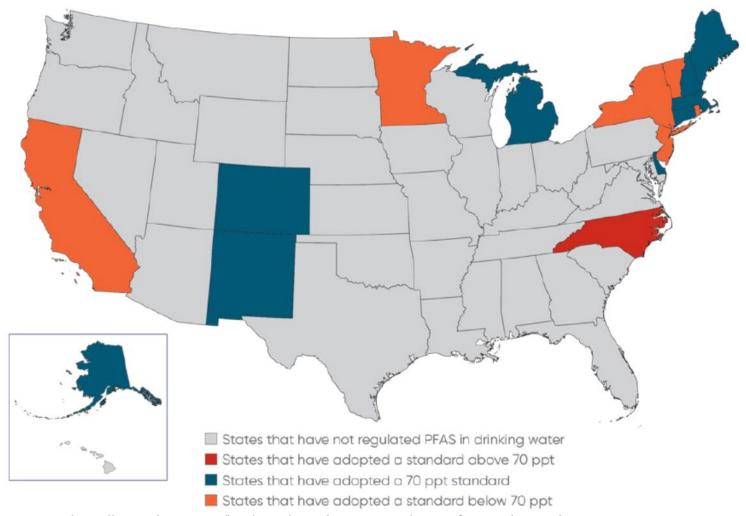
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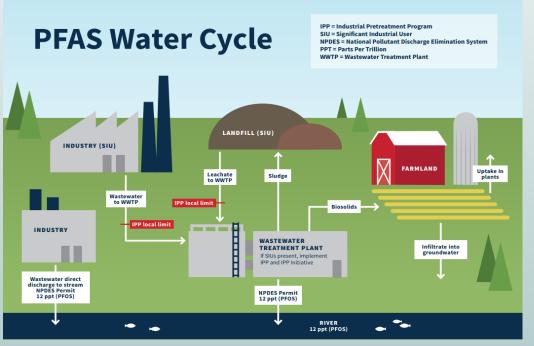
- List PFOA & PFOS as CERCLA hazardous substance
- Keep PFAS out of surface & groundwater
- Develop interim cleanup levels
- ID new/additional treatment & remediation options

PATCHWORK OF STATE ACTIONS



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Near Term Priorities for EPA

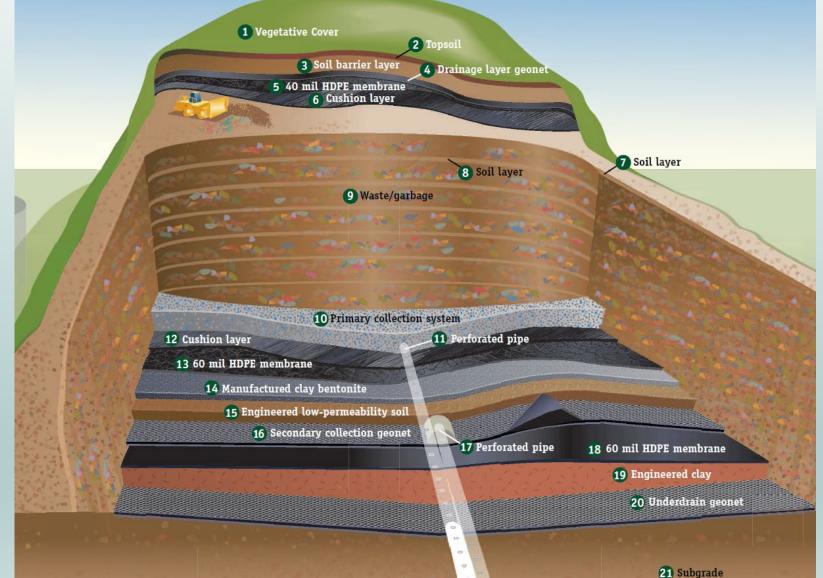


- Sources & levels of PFAS in environment
- Human health risks
- Develop final cleanup levels
- Understand applicable treatment & disposal options

PFAS Treatment Options

| Treatment Method | PFOA | PFOS | Considerations | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Granular Activated Carbon | 48-90% | 89-98% | GAC requires replacement and disposal | |
| Ion Exchange | 51-90% | 90-99% | Resins need to be regenerated or replaced | |
| Membrane Filtration | 10-50% | 0-23% | Waste stream contains salts and filtrate that requires disposal | |
| Reverse Osmosis | 90% | 93-99% | Waste stream contains salts and retentate that requires disposal | |

Landfills as PFAS Repository



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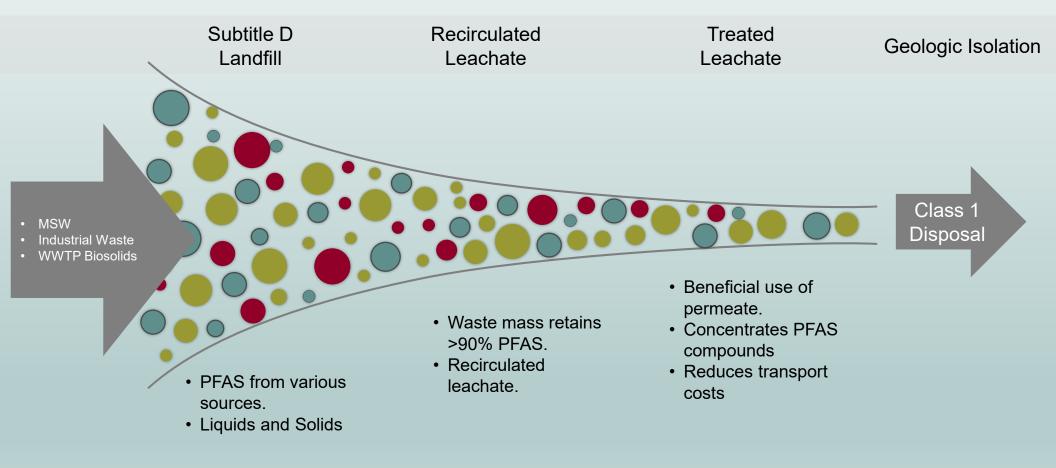
PFAS Treatment Using Reverse Osmosis





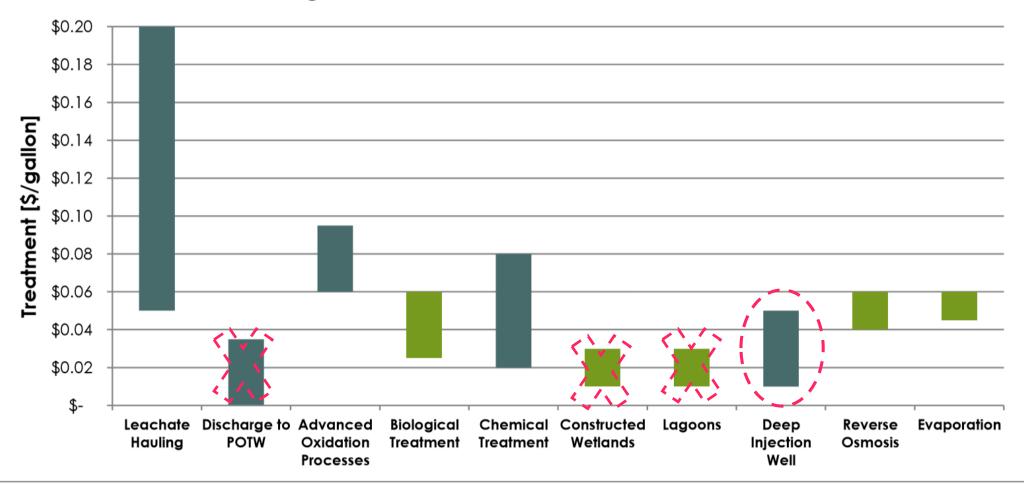
| Compound (ng/l) | Leachate (ng/L) | RO 1 Permeate (ng/L) | RO 2 Permeate (ng/L) | Rejection |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) | 280 | <2 | <1.9 | >99.3% |
| Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) | 1100 | 5 | <1.9 | >99.8% |
| Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) | 480 | <2 | <1.9 | >99.6% |
| Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) | 690 | <2 | <1.9 | >99.7% |
| Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) | 2100 | 7.8 | <1.9 | >99.9% |
| Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) | 200 | <2 | <1.9 | >99.1% |
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) | 820 | 2.5 | <1.9 | >99.8% |
| Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA) | 880 | 2.7 | <1.9 | >99.8% |
| Total | 6550 | 18 | 0 | >99.9% |

PFAS Waste Reduction Strategy



Relative Treatment Costs

Cost Range for Different Leachate Treatment Processes



Reference: Solid Waste Association of North America, Advanced Leachate Management Course Guide Figure 8-1: Cost Ranges for Leachate Treatment Processes ©2014. Bluegreen entries –modified by Sam Cooke in 2018.

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Discussion

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