EPA Region 1 Update PFAS: Poly- and Perflouroalkyl Substances

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Drinking Water Health

Advisories

- Final Health Advisory published May 19, 2016.
- PFOS 70 ppt
- PFOA 70 ppt
- Includes a Reference Dose (RfD) based on current, peer-reviewed science.
- Recommends comparing combined concentrations of PFOS/PFOA to 70 ppt.
- Lifetime advisory for all populations. Protective of sensitive populations for shorter exposure periods.
- Toxicity values based on primarily on developmental effects.
- HA calculated based on drinking water intake of lactating women.



Recommended Actions for DW Systems

- If > 70 ppt PFOS, PFOA or combination:
 - Prompt notification to appropriate drinking water safety agency.
 - Consult with DW agency re: additional sampling.
 - Prompt sharing of info with consumers, incl. information on risks to sensitive populations.
 - Consider steps to reduce exposures.

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Cleanup Programs

- RfD from Final Health Advisories = Tier 3 Toxicity Value.
- (RfD) for PFOA and PFOS is 0.00002 mg/kg/d.
- Regional Screening Level (RSL) fall 2016 update.
- Removal Management Level (RML) fall 2016 update.
- RSL/RML to be developed based on RfD and Superfund risk methodologies/policies.
- HQ consult on site-specific basis to develop screening/cleanup values until RSL and RML available.

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