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Statement on PFOA & PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories

Washington, DC – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) has been awaiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) health advisories for PFOA and PFOS, and received the final numbers and supporting information from EPA this afternoon. “Our member agencies now move to the front lines in responding to public inquiries regarding these advisories. We anticipate public concern to be real and immediate,” said Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, ECOS’ Executive Director and General Counsel.

Several states have prior direct experience addressing these substances, while other states at this very moment are actively working with communities that have identified these chemicals in their drinking water. ECOS, on behalf of its members, seeks the collaboration and support of EPA and other federal agencies in providing clear and effective information to all Americans in the coming weeks and months. ECOS is in close communication on PFOA and PFOS with national associations supporting state officials working in public health and in drinking water programs.

“ECOS will seek to support state information and knowledge sharing, consistent with our organization's mission,” added Dunn.

ECOS is the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental commissioners. For more information see www.ecos.org.