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2020 ECOS STEP Meeting AFFF and the NDAA – Call to Action

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Analytical
Services



Health
Assessment



Novel
Chemistries



Remediation
& Treatment



Site
Characterization



Toxicology

Congressional Awakening to PFAS

Back burner issue until 116th Congress

- > 400 military installations with PFAS contamination (DoD PFAS Task Force)
- DoD found water at or near 678 military installations w PFAS detection
 - Drinking water supplies at 90 military bases contaminated
 - Clean up costs >\$2B and rising
 - Primary PFAS contamination source from AFFF
 - Used to put out aircraft fires
 - FY'18 NDAA – \$10M CDC study authorized (still going strong)
 - 116th Congress = 76 bills introduced to address PFAS
 - 53 House, 23 Senate



PFAS - FY'20 NDAA

Tackling AFFF

- Prohibit fluorinated AFFF
 - Jan. 2023 publish MilSpec for fluorine-free AFFF
 - Oct. 2023 prohibits procurement of AFFF w PFAS
 - Oct. 2024 Prohibits use of AFFF on military installations
 - Shipboard use exemption
- Prohibits use of AFFF from training exercises
- Establish PFAS destruction and disposal guidelines w/in 1 year

Additional PFAS Policy Provisions

- Encourages Cooperative Agreement w States
 - Must meet most stringent enforceable requirements
 - Reach agreements w/in 1 year or report to Congress
- SecDef shall submit PFAS remediation plan for all water at or adjacent to military installations
- PFAS included in UCMR5 (unregulated contaminants monitoring rule)
- PFAS Research and Development

No Hazardous listing for PFOA/PFAS

PFAS - FY'21 NDAA

House – passed 7/22

- Report to Congress on AFFF phaseout plan
- Notify Congress w/in 48 hour of any AFFF use or spill (increased transparency)
- Authorizes \$150M for PFAS remediation and non-PFAS firefighting foam
 - Including “Shark Tank” competitive grants w industry for PFAS free AFFF alternatives
- Establishes an interagency working group to coordinate R&D activities related to PFAS
- Agriculture operations notifications within 10 miles of PFAS detection from military installation
- Requires removal/remediation to meet or exceed most stringent enforceable measures

Senate – passed 7/24

- Includes National Guard sites for Environmental Restoration Programs
- Survey and market research on technologies for phase out of fluorinated AFFF
- Additional funding for CDC Health Study (\$15M)

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