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ECOS Issues Statement on U.S. EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap

Washington, DC – U.S. EPA today issued its PFAS Strategic Roadmap, a comprehensive outline of goals and a timeline for action on PFAS research, regulation, and remediation. The culmination of six months of work by the agency's Council on PFAS, this Roadmap marks an important step for the agency and for states that have been seeking actionable deadlines.

States are encouraged by the planned efforts outlined in the document, including, but not limited to, commitments to use federal statutes to advance testing and cleanup initiatives, establish a Maximum Contaminant Level for PFOA and PFOS ahead of the statutory deadline, complete various important research initiatives, and designate PFAS as hazardous under waste and air statutes by certain dates. ECOS acknowledges that while some of the envisioned deadlines are ambitious, they are necessary. It is vital that the EPA's process is scientifically driven, that the proposals are actionable, and ultimately that this package protects the public from PFAS contamination.

ECOS Water Committee Chair Bruno Pigott, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, says the Roadmap serves as a solid framework for progress in the challenging PFAS arena. "States are already working hard and this Roadmap, combined with collaboration between the federal government and the states, means we can move forward even faster."

ECOS President Ben Grumbles, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, echoes these sentiments, noting that "states welcome the increased urgency and comprehensive action from our federal colleagues." He looks forward to "EPA's issuance of science-based PFAS standards and efforts to ensure federal agencies and facilities comply with state and federal environmental laws."

ECOS encourages EPA to use the Roadmap as a basis for increased state-federal coordination, as well as for enhanced collaboration among federal agencies. The ECOS officers also emphasize the importance of EPA working across the federal government to ensure cooperation in federal site cleanups. ECOS stands ready to assist in facilitating efficient and effective completion of the efforts outlined.

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