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Radhika Fox
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Sent via email to: fox.radhika@epa.gov

Dear Assistant Administrator Fox,

The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) sends the following statement in response to U.S. EPA's announcement of the per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) health advisories.

State environmental commissioners support the national priority on PFAS and U.S. EPA's comprehensive roadmap to understand the science, communicate the risk, and reduce the hazard responsibly and effectively. States value their partnership with EPA and appreciate the agency's leadership on this challenging and important cross-media issue. However, today's announcement of the Health Advisory Levels for four PFAS in drinking water raises some concern among state officials about impacts on EPA's upcoming enforceable, science-based regulations that will be required to take feasibility, costs, and benefits into account. ECOS urges the agency to help states navigate the results of this action to ensure proper messaging and compliance.

States appreciate the unprecedented funding Congress provided to respond to PFAS and other emerging contaminants in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, although even that funding may be clearly inadequate depending on final drinking water levels. States are eager to work with EPA and other federal agencies consistent with ECOS' [resolution](#) on advancing collaboration and coordination on PFAS to ensure that our combined efforts deliver real and lasting results for protection of human health and the environment. ECOS encourages EPA to work closely with all states and territories to embrace feasible solutions on PFAS compounds, ensure critical resources are maintained and not diverted from other pressing needs in water, air, and land, and help grow and sustain core environmental programs and categorical grants for states and territories.

Thank you for your continued partnership with ECOS and the States.

Sincerely,

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