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ECOS Applauds U.S. EPA Attention on PFAS

Washington, DC – In response to today’s announcement by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin on prioritizing coordinated action with states and others on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) pollution prevention, response, and liability, the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) issued the following statement:

“We commend Administrator Zeldin for announcing a broad plan to prioritize federal EPA actions on PFAS and to coordinate with states toward science-based, environmental results that protect water and other resources and hold polluters accountable,” says ECOS Executive Director Ben Grumbles. “States look forward to working with EPA, Congress, and other key policymakers and partners on the important and necessary details that will need to be addressed.”

ECOS this month published its [Compendium of State PFAS Actions](#), a comprehensive guide that outlines states’ policies and science on PFAS. The document emphasizes the need for federal leadership and support, urging coordinated, science-based strategies to inform and support state PFAS actions. ECOS [Resolution 21-1](#) also calls on federal agencies to undertake a number of efforts to advance collaboration and coordination on PFAS.

Given today’s announcement, ECOS reiterates the importance of its continued partnership with EPA – through agency participation and leadership in ECOS PFAS workgroups, the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) [PFAS team](#), and state capacity-building – to advance PFAS actions that protect human health and the environment.

ECOS is the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders. ECOS oversees the ITRC, which provides credible technical guidance on PFAS. For more information, visit www.ecos.org, www.ecos.org/pfas, and pfas-1.itrcweb.org/.