PFAS Soil Remediation Standards Technical Listening Session

December 8, 2022

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Development of PFAS Soil Standards Introduction to the Listening Session

• Why are we hosting this listening session?

> We want to consider your feedback as we develop the SRS

- Path towards establishing Soil Remediation Standards (SRS)
- NHDES/USGS Soil and Biosolids Study





Regulatory Setting: NH Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Env-Or 600, Contaminated Sites Management

Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS)*

*Concentrations are equivalent to NH's MCLs

Soil Remediation Standards (SRS)

485-H:13 (July 2022) – SRS rulemaking must be initiated by November 1, 2023 for PFNA, PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS

Direct Contact Risk-Based Values

PFAS	AGQS (ng/L)
Perfluoronananoic acid (PFNA)	11
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	12
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	15
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)	18

https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/ documents/r-wd-19-29.pdf

S-1 (μg/kg) Young Child	S-2 (μg/kg) Maintenance Worker
100	900
200	1,300
100	600
100	900

https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/ 20191211-pfas-dcrb.pdf



Leaching-based soil values developed by others are much lower than NH's direct contact values

ppb (µg/kg)	USEPA RSLs	Alaska	Connecticut	Florida	Hawaii	Maine	Massachusetts	Nebraska	New York	North Carolina	Pennsylvania	Texas - 0.5 acre source	Texas - 30 acre source	Washington - Vadose Zone	Washington - Saturated Zone
PFNA	0.247		1.4		0.78		0.32					3.1	1.5	0.08	0.0048
PFOA	0.9150	1.7	1.4	2	1.2	1.7	0.72	0.60	1.10	17	7	3	1.5	0.063	0.004
PFOS	0.0378	3	1.4	7	7.5	3.6	2	0.78	3.70		7	50	25	0.17	0.0099
PFHxS	0.167		1.4		1.8		0.3					2	1	0.41	0.026



- Values related to drinking water values
- Published values for other PFAS are not shown here

Adapted from: <u>https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/fact-sheets/</u> (Updated August 2022)

Path to Soil Remediation Standards Development – 5 Factors to Evaluate (based on NHDES Risk Characterization and Management Policy [RCMP]):

- Direct Contact Risk-Based Soil Concentrations
- Leaching-Based Soil Concentrations
- <u>Background Soil Concentrations</u>
- <u>Ceiling Concentrations</u>
- <u>Practical Quantification Limits</u>



To inform SRS development, NHDES and USGS New England Water Science Center are studying the occurrence and behavior of PFAS in NH's soil and biosolids

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with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in New Hampshire Soils and Biosolids inds of synthetic compounds that are used t oses and that can be foun ig in soil, water, and air fig. 2). Although se FAS have been produ since the 1940s, they have only recently co or their potential lin to adverse human ealth effects, includ ing decreased respon vaccines, thyroid lisease, and decrease birth weight (U.S. Environmental Prote agency, 2018: Agency for oxic Substa tegistry, 2020). Aydroger Sulfur Oxygen Fluorine Carbon https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/gip208

 Task 1 – Characterize soil quality to assess PFAS impacts in "undisturbed" areas 100% COMPLETE

https://www.usgs.gov/data/statewide-survey-shallow-soil-concentrations-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-and-related

- Characterize select biosolids to support Task 2: two anaerobic digested cake, lime-stabilized cake, wood ash-stabilized cake, and invessel (aerobic) compost
- Task 2 Assess partitioning of PFAS in NH soil and biosolids in laboratory studies -80% COMPLETE
- Task 3 Evaluate PFAS transport from soil to water at an AFFF release site and a biosolids application site 100% COMPLETE
- Additional Tasks Reporting and Confirmatory Sampling UNDERWAY

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