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### PFAS REGULATORY UPDATE: EPA ANNOUNCES FINAL RULING ON FEDERAL DRINKING WATER MCLs FOR COMMON PFAS CHEMICALS

In April 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced their final ruling solidifying Federal Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for common PFAS chemicals. This will set enforceable MCLs and MCL goals in every state. The EPA's rule comes after their review of extensive research and science on how PFAS affects public health, and their engagement with the water sector and with state regulators to ensure effective implementation. EPA also considered 120,000 comments on the proposed rule from a wide variety of stakeholders.

Important highlights from the final ruling:

- For PFOA and PFOS, EPA is setting a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, a non-enforceable health-based goal, at zero. This reflects the latest science showing that there is no level of exposure to these contaminants without risk of health impacts, including certain cancers.
- EPA is setting enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels at 4.0 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS, individually. This standard will reduce exposure from these PFAS in our drinking water to the lowest levels that are feasible for effective implementation.
- For PFNA, PFHxS, and "GenX Chemicals," EPA is setting the MCLGs and MCLs at 10 parts per trillion.
- Because PFAS can often be found together in mixtures, and research shows these mixtures may have combined health impacts, EPA is also setting a limit for any mixture of two or more of the following PFAS: PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and "GenX Chemicals."

To discuss this matter and how it may impact your projects, please contact your Langan Project Manager or:



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