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Deadline For Public Comment

Deadline: Nov 25, 2019

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Rule Details

Rule Number:	19P070
Title:	Water Supply Rule
Type:	Standard
Status:	Proposed
Agency:	Agency of Natural Resources
Legal Authority:	10 V.S.A. § 1672 and Sec. 3(a) of Act 21 of 2019.
Summary:	<p>this rule amendment proposes a cumulative maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 20 parts per trillion for five per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) for drinking water, including bottled water, from public water systems. The five PFAS are: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluoro-octane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), and perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA). The rule amendment establishes requirements for how public water systems must sample for the five substances, how the samples are analyzed, and how compliance with the MCL is determined. The rule amendment establishes requirements for granular carbon filtration, one method of removing these substances from drinking water. It also clarifies the requirements for bottled water sold in Vermont and clarifies the requirements for monitoring contaminants with secondary drinking water standards.</p>
Persons Affected:	<p>The individuals and entities most directly impacted will be owners and operators of public water systems in Vermont. A vast majority of Vermonters will ultimately be affected by the change to drinking water quality standards as they rely on drinking water from public water systems in public settings, may also rely on drinking water from a public water system in their home, and ultimately are paying customers of those who provide the resource. To the extent the rule amendment results in identification of potential releases of PFAS into the environment, the Agency, any potentially responsible parties, and the public may be impacted.</p>
Economic Impact:	<p>Owners and operators of public water systems, as well as customers of the public water systems, will experience increased costs from new testing requirements for the five PFAS. The extent of economic impact from treatment requirements will depend on whether, and to what extent across the state, the five PFAS are detected at levels above the MCL. If PFAS is detected at a public water system, the public water system may need to upgrade its operator to a higher class, spend capital on modifications to the system, and budget for ongoing operation and maintenance costs associated with the modifications. Vermonters, as well as those visiting the State, will experience a reduction of risk from exposure to PFAS in drinking water. To the extent the rule amendment results in identification of a potential release of PFAS into the</p>

environment, the Agency and any potentially responsible parties may bear the cost of cleanup. Vermonters would experience the benefits of reduced risk from exposure following clean up.

Posting date:

Sep 18,2019

Hearing Information

Information for Hearing # 1

Hearing date:

11-06-2019 09:00 AM [ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

Location:

Agency of Natural Resources Annex Building

Address:

190 Junction Road

City:

Berlin

State:

VT

Zip:

05602

Hearing Notes:

Information for Hearing # 2

Hearing date:

11-07-2019 7:00 PM [ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

Location:

Rutland Free Library, Fox Room

Address:

10 Court Street

City:

Rutland

State:

VT

Zip:

05701

Hearing Notes:

Information for Hearing # 3

Hearing date:

11-12-2019 7:00 PM [ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

Location:

Department of Environmental Conservation, Essex Regional Office, Act 250 Room

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05452

Hearing Notes:

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Website Address: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/guidance-practices-procedures>

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