



PFAS Assistance and Funding

Background

Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), are in many of the products that consumers use every day. They are synthetic compounds used in food packaging, nonstick cookware, clothing, and many other products because they are durable. While these chemicals can make items last longer and easier to use, they are so durable that they are considered “forever chemicals.” Those forever chemicals can become concentrated in the bodies of people, animals, and other living organisms which scientists refer to as bioaccumulation. While there are thousands of these chemicals, two chemicals of current focus in drinking water are perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The Office of Drinking Water is working on developing regulatory values for PFOA and PFOS called maximum contaminant levels (MCL).

Mitigation Process

There are currently two non-profit organizations in Delaware that will be of great assistance to those drinking water systems interested in funding opportunities for PFAs mitigation – Delaware Rural Water Association (DRWA) and Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP). These two organizations will connect the decision makers of your drinking water system with an engineer who will provide guidance through the process of submitting a pre-application/Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF). Solicitation for NOIs occur once a year typically in late Winter/early Spring. Once the NOI is drafted and an understanding of costs and needs specific to the water system is determined, the process can move forward in identifying funding opportunities.

Contact Information

Municipal and rural community systems should reach out to:



Delaware Rural Water Association

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Schools, Miscellaneous Public and Private wells should reach out to:



Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc.

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<https://sercap.org/about/locations/delaware>

DWSRF Program

<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/dwsrf.html>

Program Eligibilities

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_versioni.pdf