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New Jersey Clean Water Council Annual Public Hearing - 2024

PFAS Water Cycle

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 10AM-1PM

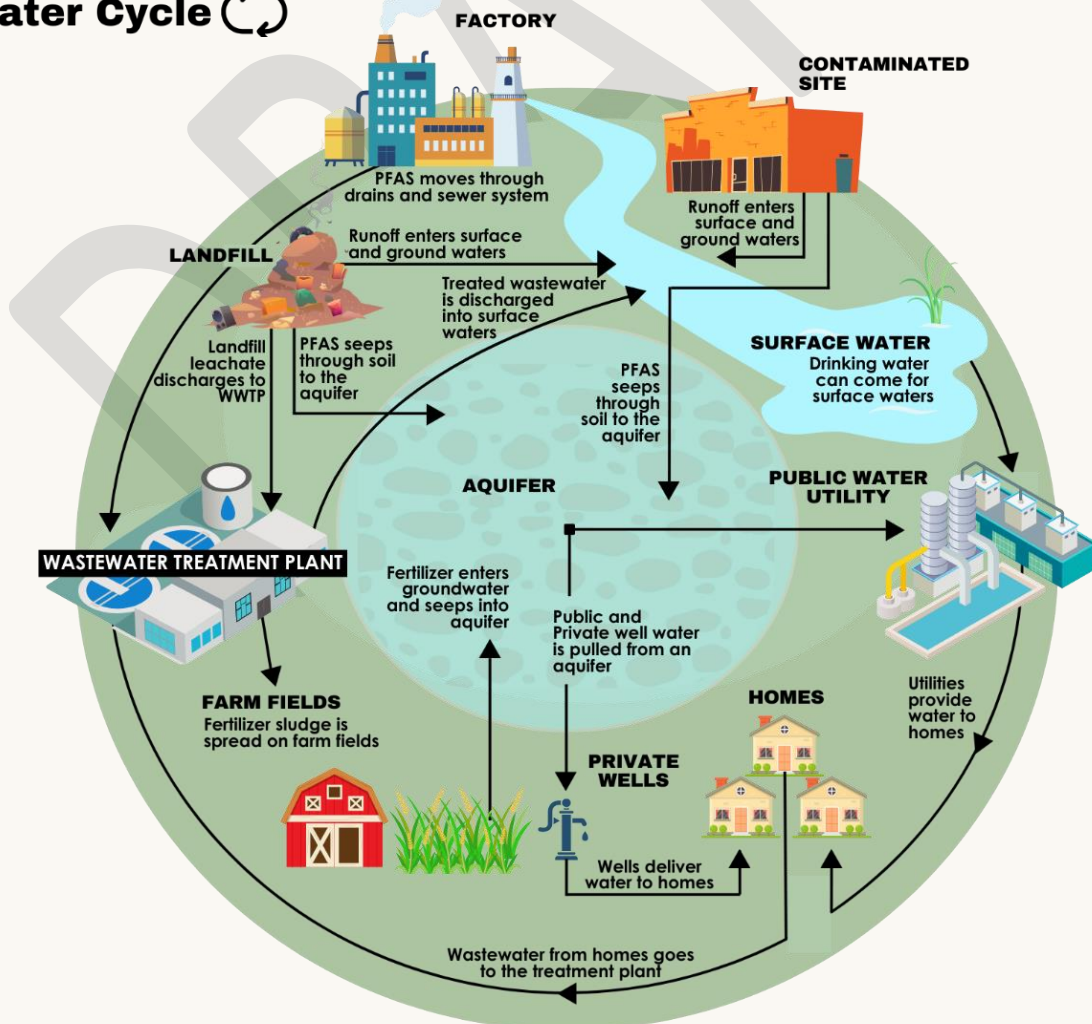
To be held virtually via Microsoft Teams 

PURPOSE OF HEARING

For the 2024 public hearing, the NJ Clean Water Council has chosen to solicit public input regarding environmental impacts of the PFAS family of chemicals, also known as “forever chemicals”. The objective of this year's hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 10:00AM -1:00PM (virtual), will be to focus on challenges and potential and known solutions to better address PFAS in the water cycle (including biosolids).

To further advance the Department’s mission to protect our waters from PFAS, the Clean Water Council is soliciting public testimony focused on this topic. Information on how the Division of Water Quality is addressing PFAS in surface water, ground water and residuals can be found on our website at <https://dep.nj.gov/dwq/pfas/>.

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SPEAKERS

10:00AM | **Welcome:** Anthony McCracken | Chair, Clean Water Council

10:10AM | **Opening:** Commissioner Shawn LaTourette | NJDEP

10:25AM | **Presentation 1: State of New Jersey Wastewater & Biosolids**
Sue Rosenwinkel | Director, Division of Water Quality, NJDEP

10:35AM | **Presentation 2: State of Michigan: Wastewater & Biosolids Perspective**
Christian Smith | Environmental Quality Analyst, Emerging Pollutants Section - Water Resources Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

10:50AM | **Presentation 3: Middlesex Water: Drinking Water Perspective**
Mark Theiler | Director of Production, Middlesex Water Company

11:05AM | **Break**

11:15AM | **Panel Discussion:** See Panel Representation Below

12:05PM | **Public Testimony:** *(Until end of hearing)*

Panel Representation:

- **Water Quality State:** Sue Rosenwinkel | Director, Division of Water Quality, NJDEP
- **Drinking Water State:** Cory Stevenson | Environmental Engineer, Bureau of Water System Engineering | NJDEP
- **Drinking Water Utility:** Mark Theiler | Director of Production, Middlesex Water Company
- **Wastewater & Biosolids State:** Christian Smith | Environmental Quality Analyst, Emerging Pollutants Section – Water Resources Division | Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- **Publicly Owned Treatment Works:** Ronald Anastasio | Executive Director, Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority
- **Federal EPA Representative:** Virginia Wong | Chief, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, Water Division, EPA Region 2

REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY

The Clean Water Council seeks recommendations regarding challenges and potential and known solutions to better address PFAS in the water cycle (including biosolids). Testimony should consider the following:

- What are your concerns specific to PFAS management in water and wastewater?
- What are the best practices for identification, reduction, and elimination of PFAS sources?
- What would be your best advice to DEP on next steps?