

Revisions to the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule for the Fifth Monitoring Cycle (UCMR 5): Public Meeting and Webinar

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Welcome

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Agenda		
Day 1/Day 2 (Eastern Time)	Topics	
8:45-9:00am / 12:45-1:00pm	Log into the Meeting	
9:00-9:10am / 1:00-1:10pm	Welcome, Logistics, Agenda	
9:10-9:25am / 1:10-1:25pm	Overview of the UCMR Program	
9:25-9:45am / 1:25-1:45pm	The Proposed UCMR 5	
9:45-10:15am / 1:45-2:15pm	UCMR 5 Proposed Contaminants and Methods	
10:15-10:20am / 2:15-2:20pm	Representative Sampling	
10:20-10:30am / 2:20-2:30pm	UCMR 5 Reporting	
10:30-10:45am / 2:30-2:45pm	Break	
10:45-11:15am / 2:45-3:15pm	Laboratory Approval Process & MRLs	
11:15-12:15pm / 3:15-4:15pm	Stakeholder Statements & Discussion	
12:15-12:30pm / 4:15-4:30pm	Submitting Public Comments & Closing Remarks	

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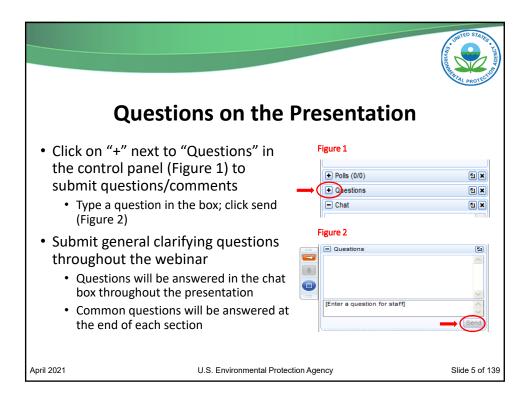
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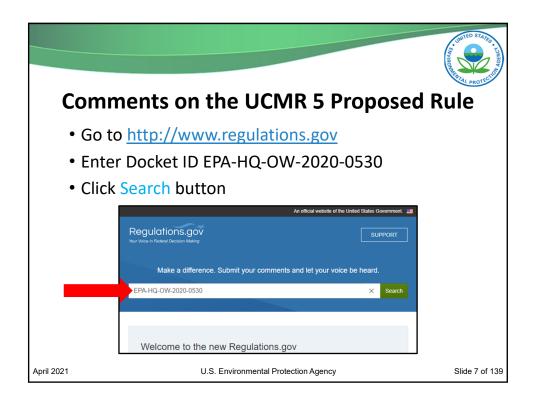
Specific PWS & Laboratory Questions about UCMR 5

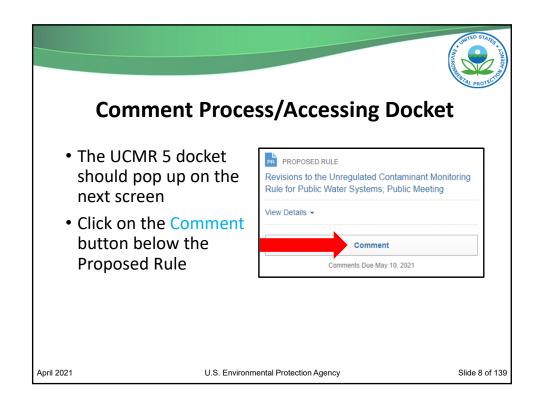
- Public Water System (PWS)-Specific Questions
 - UCMR Sampling Coordinator@epa.gov
 - "My water system has five entry points, but we share three of those points with another water system. Where do I sample?"
- Laboratory-Specific Questions
 - UCMR Lab Approval@epa.gov
 - "My laboratory merged with another laboratory since the last UCMR cycle, can we change our laboratory ID?"

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- Comments/questions/statements raised during this meeting are not registered as official public comments

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General Meeting Information

- Purpose
 - Announce the UCMR 5 proposal for public comment
 - Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn and discuss aspects of the UCMR 5 proposal:
 - Monitoring requirements
 - · Analyte selection and rationale
 - · Analytical methods
 - · Representative monitoring
 - Reporting requirements
 - Laboratory approval process
- Webinar lines are muted to minimize background noise
- Discussion at the end of the webinar

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Overview of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Program

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Overview

- Regulatory background for UCMR, relationship to other Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) programs
 - Contaminant Candidate List (CCL)
 - The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)
 - UCMR objective
 - History of UCMR
 - Regulatory Determinations
 - National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs)
 - Six-Year Review

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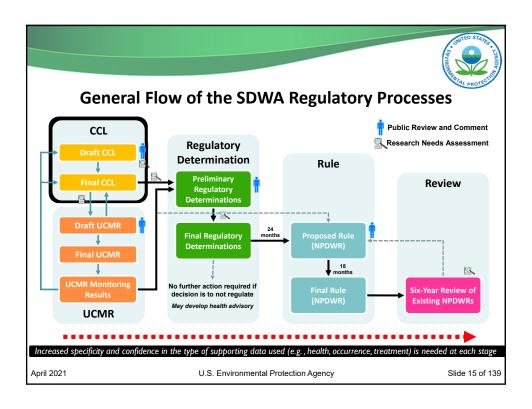
The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

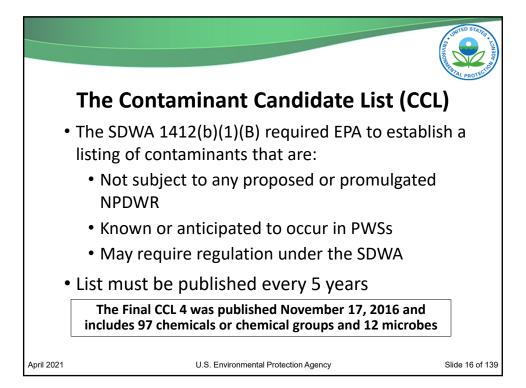
- Enacted in 1974, the SDWA authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set enforceable health standards for contaminants in drinking water
 - National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs)
- The 1986 SDWA amendments were the basis for the original "UCM" program
 - State drinking water programs managed the original UCM program
 - Public Water Systems (PWSs) serving > 500 people were required to monitor
- The 1996 SDWA amendments changed the process of developing and reviewing NPDWRs
 - CCL
 - UCMR (EPA-managed)
 - Regulatory Determination
 - Six-Year Review

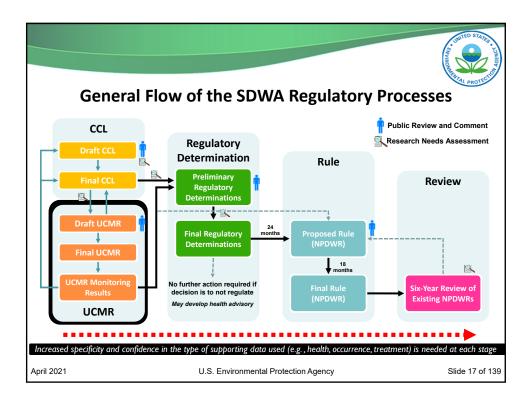
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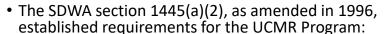
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The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)



- Issue a list of no more than 30 priority unregulated contaminants in drinking water, once every 5 years
- Require PWSs serving a population >10,000 people as well as a nationally representative sample of small PWSs serving ≤10,000 people to monitor
- Make analytical results publicly available in the National Contaminant Occurrence Database for Drinking Water (NCOD)
- The EPA funds shipping/analytical costs for small PWSs
- The EPA manages program in partnership with States, tribes, and territories (hereafter referred to as "States") that volunteer to assist

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Objective of the UCMR Program

- Collect nationally representative occurrence data for unregulated contaminants that may require regulation under the SDWA
 - Consider data collected as part of future EPA decisions on actions to protect public health
 - Provide data to States, local governments, and to the public for their use in decisions regarding public health protection

National occurrence data publicly available:

http://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/occurrence-data-unregulatedcontaminant-monitoring-rule

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History of the UCMR

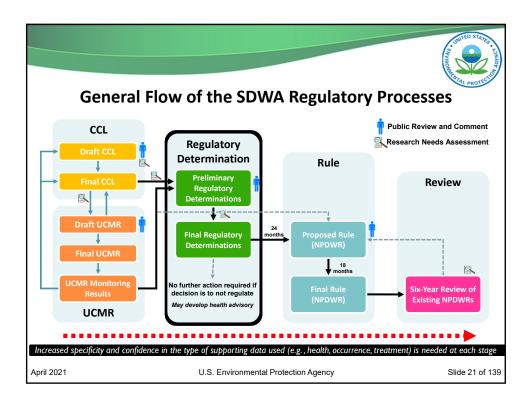
- UCMR 1 (2001-2005)
 - Published in Federal Register (FR) on September 17, 1999
- UCMR 2 (2007-2011)
 - Published in FR on January 4, 2007
- UCMR 3 (2012-2016)
 - Published in FR on April 16, 2012
- UCMR 4 (2017-2021)
 - Published in FR on December 20, 2016
 - PWSs collected samples 2018-2020
- UCMR 5 (2022-2026)
 - Proposed rule published on March 11, 2021 (86 FR 13846)
 - Anticipates PWSs collecting samples 2023-2025

Each new UCMR cycle is established via a revision to the rule for the ongoing/preceding cycle

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Every five years, the Administrator shall, after notice of the preliminary determination and opportunity for public comment,

- for not fewer than five contaminants included on the CCL, make determinations on whether to regulate such contaminants

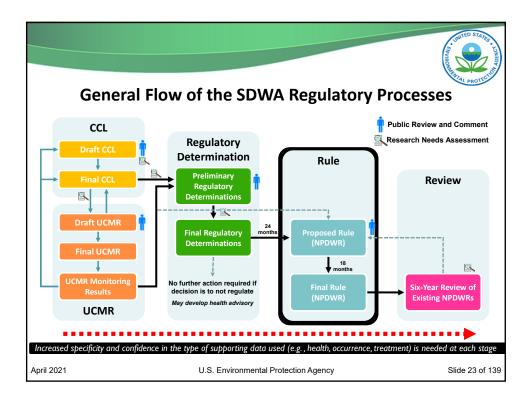
 The SDWA requires the EPA to publish a maximum contaminant
 - level goal (MCLG) and promulgate a NPDWR for a contaminant if the Administrator determines that:
 - 1. The contaminant may have an adverse effect on the health of persons;
 - The is known to occur or there is substantial likelihood that the contaminant will occur in PWSs with a frequency and at levels of public health concern; and
 - In the sole judgment of the Administrator, regulation of such contaminant presents a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction for persons served by PWSs

*SDWA Section 1412(b)(1)

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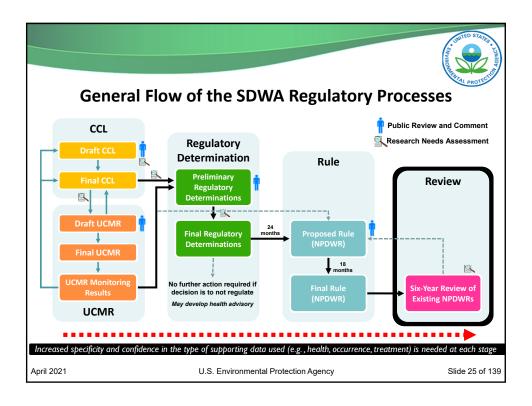
National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR)

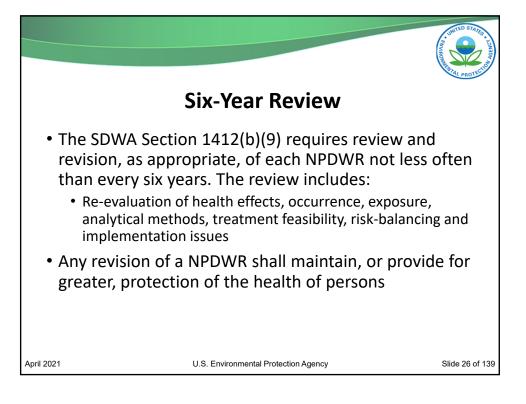
- For each contaminant that the Administrator determines to regulate, the Administrator shall publish MCLGs and promulgate, by rule, NPDWRs. The Administrator shall:
 - Propose the MCLG and NPDWRs for a contaminant not later than 24 months after the determination to regulate
 - Publish a MCLG and promulgate a NPDWR within 18 months after the proposal thereof
- A NPDWR shall take effect three years after the date on which the regulation is promulgated. The Administrator, or a State, may allow this period to be extended up to two additional years if it determines that additional time is necessary for capital improvements

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The Proposed UCMR 5

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Overview

- America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)
- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Sampling and statistical design
- PWS types
- UCMR monitoring tiers
- Applicability
- Sampling schedules
- Sampling frequency and locations
- Timeline of activities
- Implementation roles
- Cost estimates

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America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018

- The SDWA was amended in 2018 by Public Law 115-270
 - AWIA section 2021
 - Enacted October 23, 2018
- Key changes to the UCMR (SDWA section 1445(j)):
 - Require PWSs serving between 3,300 and 10,000 to monitor
 - Ensure that only a representative sample of PWSs serving fewer than 3,300 people monitor
- · Limitations:
 - Subject to the availability of appropriations and sufficient laboratory capacity to accommodate the analyses
- Authorization of Appropriations:
 - Additional \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year for which sampling is required to be carried out
- Under the AWIA provisions, EPA continues to be responsible for all analytical costs associated with monitoring at systems serving 10,000 or fewer people

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National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020

 Section 7311 of the NDAA (Public Law 116-92) requires EPA to include each Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) in UCMR 5 for which a drinking water method has been validated by the Administrator and that are not subject to a NPDWR



Sampling and Statistical Design

- Design vetted with stakeholders, peer reviewed and undergone four rounds of public comment
- Data Quality Objectives for the Representative Sample
 - Provides occurrence data for unbiased national exposure estimates
 - The statistical design:
 - · Stratifies by system size and source water type
 - Allocates PWSs across the strata proportional to population served with at least two PWSs allocated to each State

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Selection of Nationally Representative PWSs

The document "Selection of Nationally Representative Public Water Systems for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule: 2020 Update" is available in the docket

- Updates the 2001 statistical design document
- Describes:
 - Refinement to the UCMR program monitoring tiers
 - Selection of representative PWSs for Assessment Monitoring and Survey Monitoring
 - Changes in statistical design to address the AWIA requirements
 - Development of State Monitoring Plans that identify specific PWSs participating in the UCMR and establish sampling schedules

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PWS Types

- PWS: provides water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances to at least 15 service connections or serves an average of at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year
 - Community Water System (CWS)
 - PWS that supplies water to the same population year-round
 - Non-Transient Non-Community Water System (NTNCWS)
 - PWS that supplies water to at least 25 of the same people at least six months per year but not year-round (e.g., schools)
 - Transient Non-Community Water System (TNCWS) (not generally included in UCMR sampling)
 - PWS that provides water where people do not remain for long periods of time (e.g., gas stations, campgrounds)

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UCMR Monitoring Tiers

- UCMR approach relies on using one or more of 3 monitoring tiers:
 - Assessment Monitoring (primary approach to-date)
 - · Screening Survey
 - · Pre-Screen Testing
- Based on:
 - Availability and complexity of analytical methods
 - · Laboratory capacity
 - · Sampling frequency
 - · Characteristics of PWSs performing the monitoring
 - Other considerations (e.g., cost/burden)
- Assessment Monitoring is the only tier proposed for UCMR 5

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Assessment Monitoring

- Primary design objective is to determine national contaminant occurrence in PWS-supplied drinking water for the purpose of estimating national population exposure
- Primary tier and largest in scope
- Generally relies on analytical methods that use more common techniques and are expected to be widely available
- Consistent with the AWIA provisions, Assessment Monitoring proposed for UCMR 5 includes:
 - Nationally representative sample of 800 small systems serving fewer than 3,300 persons
 - Census of small systems serving between 3,300 and 10,000 persons
 - Census of large systems serving > 10,000 persons
- Sampling design is population weighted
- Total number of systems: ~10,300

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UCMR 5 Applicability to PWSs per AWIA

System¹ Size (# of people served)	National Sample: Assessment Monitoring Design	Total # of Systems per Size Category
Small Systems (25 – 3,299)	800 randomly selected systems (CWSs and NTNCWSs)	800
Small Systems (3,300 – 10,000)	All systems (CWSs and NTNCWSs)	~5,100
Large Systems (10,001 and over)	All systems (CWSs and NTNCWSs)	~4,400
TOTAL		~10,300

¹ Systems provide water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances to at least 15 service connections or serves an average of at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year

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Sampling Schedules

- EPA initially drafts schedules for large and small PWSs
- Partnered State has opportunity to review and modify schedules for large and small PWSs
- Large PWS has opportunity to review and modify their schedule
- Small PWS may request that EPA modify their schedule

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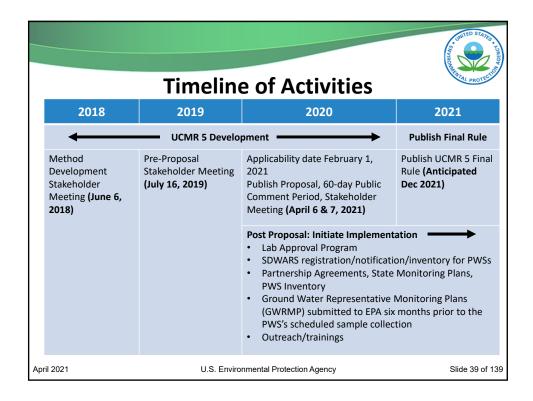
Sampling Frequency & Locations

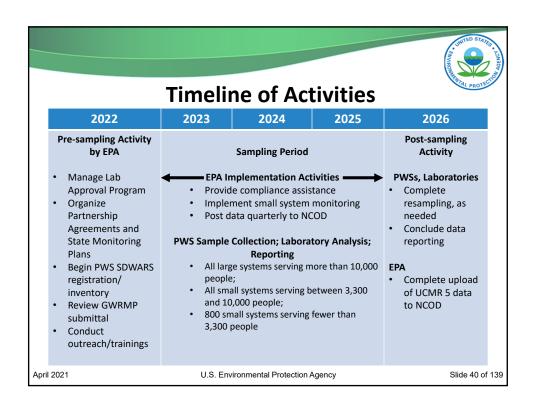
- The UCMR 5 proposal identifies sampling frequencies and locations consistent with those used in UCMR 1 – UCMR 4
 - Surface Water systems (including those using ground water under the direct influence of surface water) sample four times (~3 months apart) during their year of sampling
 - **Ground Water** systems sample two times (5-7 months apart) during their year of sampling
- Sampling is proposed at the entry points to the distribution systems (EPTDSs)

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EPA Implementation Roles

- Small PWS support:
 - Maintain lab and implementation contracts to support the UCMR
 - Compile contact and inventory information
 - Manage sample kit distribution and tracking
 - · Responsible for data review and reporting
- Large and Small PWS support:
 - Extract data from the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) for evaluation and reporting to the National Contaminant Occurrence Database for Drinking Water (NCOD)
 - Support the SDWARS reporting system and users
 - Perform inventory and schedule updates
 - · Provide technical assistance
 - Use SDWARS for real-time communication and outreach

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EPA Implementation Roles (Cont.)

- State, PWS, and Laboratory support:
 - Review and track PWS applicability and sampling progress
 - Coordinate Laboratory Approval Program
 - Provide technical support
 - · Coordinate outreach
 - Compliance assistance and enforcement efforts

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Extended UCMR Implementation Team

- EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW)
 - · Lead organization for direct-implementation of rule
- EPA Regional Offices
 - Coordinate State Partnership Agreements
 - Assist States and PWSs with UCMR requirements, compliance assistance, and enforcement
- Partnering States
 - Support various aspects of implementation based on state-specific interest

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States' Role in the UCMR Program

- Participation by States is voluntary and documented via Partnership Agreements
- States help the EPA implement the UCMR program; help to ensure high data quality
- Partnership Agreement activities can include any/all of the following:
 - Review and revise State Monitoring Plans
 - · Provide inventory and contact information for small and large PWSs
 - Review proposed Ground Water Representative Monitoring Plans (GWRMPs)
 - · Provide compliance assistance (e.g., notify and instruct systems)
 - Collect samples
 - Other

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EPA Responsibilities on behalf of Small PWSs

- EPA funds costs associated with analyses and shipping for small PWSs (i.e., those serving 10,000 or fewer people)
- EPA engages States and PWSs to collect samples
- EPA coordinates sample analyses with contracted laboratories and funds the analyses
- EPA examines the results along with quality control (QC) data and makes results available via SDWARS

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Large PWS Responsibilities

- PWSs serving more than 10,000 people are responsible for the costs associated with analyses
- PWS coordinates sample analyses with an approved laboratory
- Laboratories post the data to SDWARS
- PWS reviews and can act upon (e.g., approve) data in SDWARS
- States have access to results following large PWS review period

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UCMR 5 Cost Estimates

Estimated Average Annual Costs of the Proposed UCMR 5 Over the Five-year Cycle¹

Entity	Avg. Annual Cost (Million) (2022-2026) ²
Small Systems (25-10,000), including labor ³ only (non-labor costs ⁴ paid for by the EPA)	\$0.3
Large Systems (10,001-100,000), including labor and non-labor costs	\$7.2
Very Large Systems (100,001 and greater), including labor and non-labor costs	\$2.3
States, including labor costs related to implementation coordination	\$0.8
EPA, including labor for implementation and non-labor for small system testing	\$10.5
AVERAGE ANNUAL NATIONAL TOTAL (over the period of 2022-2026)	\$21.1

- 1. Based on the scope of small-system monitoring described in AWIA.
- 2. Totals may not equal the sum of components due to rounding.

 3. Labor costs pertain to systems, States, and EPA. Costs include activities such as reading the rule, notifying systems selected to participate, sample collection, data review, reporting, and record keeping.

 4. Non-labor costs will be incurred primarily by EPA and by large and very large PWSs. They include the cost of shipping samples to laboratories

for testing and the cost of the laboratory analyses.

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UCMR 5 Proposed Contaminants and Analytical Methods

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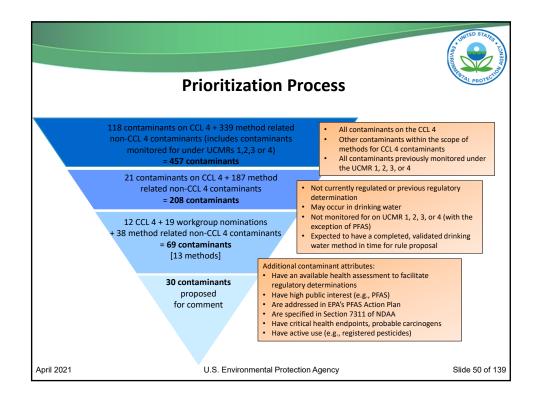
Overview

- Candidate selection process and rationale
- Proposed contaminants and analytical methods
- Health and occurrence data sources
- Contaminant-specific information by method
- Other contaminants considered during development of UCMR 5 proposal
- Information Compendium

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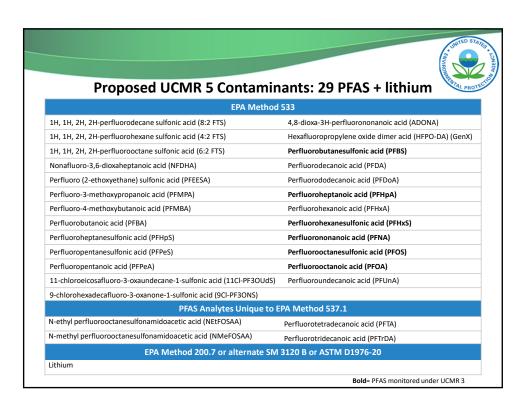
PFAS as UCMR 5 Candidate Contaminants

- National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA) (Public Law 116-92)
 - "The EPA Administrator shall include each PFAS in UCMR 5 for which a drinking water method has been validated by the Administrator and that are not subject to a NPDWR"
- EPA's 2019 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan: https://www.epa.gov/pfas/epas-pfas-action-plan
 - UCMR 5 Commitment: The EPA will propose nationwide drinking water monitoring for PFAS under the next UCMR monitoring cycle utilizing newer methods available to detect more PFAS chemicals and at lower minimum reporting levels (MRLs) than previously possible in earlier monitoring
- Proposal included all 29 PFAS that are within the scope of EPA Methods 533 and 537.1. Six of the 29 PFAS were part of UCMR 3. UCMR 5 monitoring for those six would involve lower MRLs

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EPA Health Assessment Data Sources

- The Health Values are:
 - Not federally enforceable
 - · Subject to change as health effects information becomes available
- Office of Research and Development
 - Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris_drafts/AtoZ.cfm
 - Provisional Peer-Reviewed Toxicity Values (PPRTVs)
 https://www.epa.gov/pprtv/provisional-peer-reviewed-toxicity-values-pprtvs-assessments
- Office of Water
 - Health Advisory (HA) or Health Effects Support Documents (HESD) https://www.epa.gov/dwstandardsregulations/drinking-water-contaminant-human-health-effects-information

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Non-EPA Health Data Sources

- Available non-EPA health assessments were also considered, e.g.:
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
 - · Toxicological Profiles

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiledocs/index.html

- World Health Organization (WHO)
 - International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs https://monographs.iarc.fr/
- · Health Canada
 - Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality
 https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/water-quality.html#tech_doc.
- · Center for Disease Control and Prevention's
 - Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWR) https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html

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Occurrence Data Sources

Finished Water Data

- Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) (UCMR 3) (2013-2015)
- National Inorganics and Radionuclides Survey (NIRS) (1984 1986)
- Disinfection Byproduct Information Collection Rule (DBP-ICR) Data (1997 – 1998)
- State and Local Occurrence Studies

Supplemental Drinking Water and Ambient Water Data

- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Ambient Water
 - National Water-Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA)

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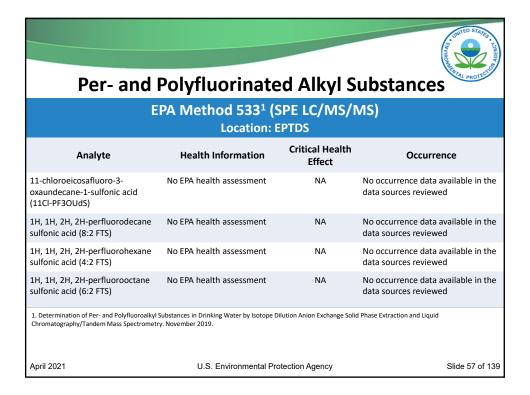
Other Data Sources

- Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) Profiler
- Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)
- Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC)
- EPA's CompTox Chemicals Dashboard
- Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB)

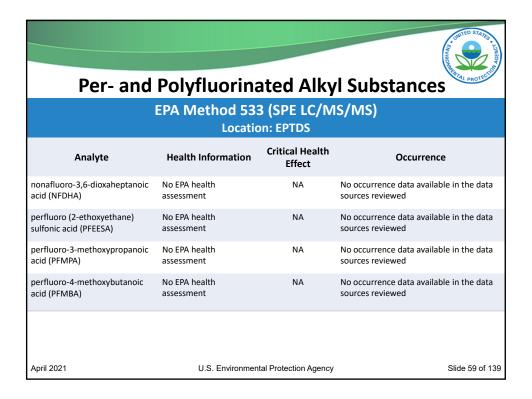
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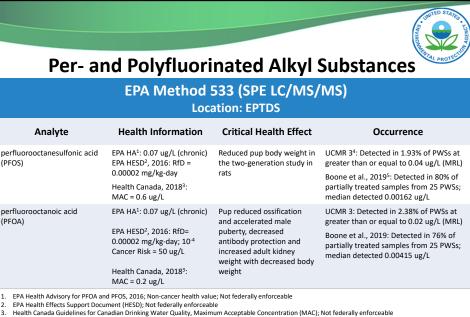
Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances			
	EPA Method 533 (SP Location: EP		S)
Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA) ¹	No EPA health assessment	NA	No occurrence data available in the data sources reviewed
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3- oxanone-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl- PF3ONS)	No EPA health assessment	NA	No occurrence data available in the data sources reviewed
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (GenX)	2018 Draft EPA Toxicity Values ² : Draft Candidate Chronic Reference Dose (RfD) = 0.00008 mg/kg-day Draft Candidate Subchronic RfD = 0.0002 mg/kg-day	NA	No occurrence data available in the data sources reviewed
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid is the parent acid form of the ammonium salt Draft EPA Toxicity Assessment, 2018			
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Per-	and Polyfluorinat	ed Alkyl S	ubstances
EPA Method 533 (SPE LC/MS/MS) Location: EPTDS			
Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	EPA PPRTV¹ 2014: Chronic Provisional Reference Dose (p-RfD) = 0.02 mg/kg-day; Subchronic p-RfD = 0.2 mg/kg-day Draft EPA Toxicity Values, 2018²: Draft Candidate Chronic RfD = 0.01 mg/kg-day (thyroid or kidney) Draft Candidate Subchronic RfD = 0.04 (thyroid) and 0.1 mg/kg-day (kidney)	Increased incidence of kidney hyperplasia	UCMR 3 ³ : Detected in 0.16% of PWSs at concentrations greater than or equal to 0.09 ug/L (Minimum Reporting Level [MRL]). Boone et al., 2019 ⁴ : Detected in 96% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00117 ug/L
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	EPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment in process	NA	Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 88% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00362 ug/L
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	EPA IRIS assessment in process	NA	Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 52% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00033 ug/L.
 Draft EPA Toxicity Assessme UCMR 3, 2013-2015: Finishe 	ed drinking water occurrence data urrence study. "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in sou		<u> </u>

Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances **EPA Method 533 (SPE LC/MS/MS) Location: EPTDS Critical Health** Analyte **Health Information** Occurrence **Effect** No EPA health Boone et al., 20191: Detected in 4% of perfluorododecanoic acid NA . (PFDoA) partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; assessment median detected 0.00009 ug/L perfluoroheptanesulfonic No EPA health NA No occurrence data available in the data acid (PFHpS) assessment sources reviewed perfluoroheptanoic acid UCMR 3²: Detected in 1.75% of PWSs at No EPA health NA (PFHpA) assessment greater than or equal to 0.01 ug/L (MRL) Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 92% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00079 ug/L Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in source and treated drinking waters of the United States." Science of The Total Environment 653 (February 25):359-369 UCMR 3, 2013-2015: Finished drinking water occurrence data April 2021 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Slide 61 of 139

Per- a	nd Polyfluorin	ated Alky	/l Substances
EPA Method 533 (SPE LC/MS/MS) Location: EPTDS			
Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	Draft ATSDR ¹ , 2018: provisional Minimal Risk Level = 0.00002 mg/kg-day (intermediate duration) EPA IRIS assessment in process	Thyroid follicular cell damage	UCMR 3 ² : Detected in 1.12% of PWSs at greater than or equal to 0.03 ug/L (MRL) Boone et al., 2019 ³ : Detected in 80% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00079 ug/L
perfluorohexanoic acid PFHxA)	EPA IRIS assessment in process	NA	Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 100% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00143 ug/L
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	Draft ATSDR, 2018: provisional Minimal Risk Level = 0.000003 mg/kg-day (intermediate duration) EPA IRIS assessment in process	Decreased pup body weight and developmental delays	UCMR 3: Detected in 0.28% of PWSs at greater than or equal to 0.02 ug/L (MRL) Boone, et al., 2019: Detected in 88% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00074 ug/L



- UCMR 3, 2013-2015: Finished drinking water occurrence data

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Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in source and treated drinking waters of the United States." Science of The Total Environment 653 (February 25):359-369"

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Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances **EPA Method 533 (SPE LC/MS/MS) Location: EPTDS Critical Health** Health Analyte Occurrence Information **Effect** No FPA health No occurrence data available in the data sources perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS) assessment reviewed No EPA health NA Boone et al., 20191: Detected in 96% of partially perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA) assessment treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected perfluoroundecanoic acid No EPA health Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 16% of partially (PFUnA) treated samples from 25 PWSs; median detected 0.00054 ug/L Quiñones and Snyder, 2009²: The mean concentration detected in 1 of 7 PWSs with varying degrees of wastewater impact 0.0019 μ g/L (Detects are concentrations greater than or equal to a method reporting limit of 0.001 ug/L) 1. Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in source and treated drinking waters of the United States." Science of The Total Environment 653 (February 25):359-369 Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Occurrence of perfluoroalkyl carboxylates and sulfonates in drinking water utilities and related waters from the United States." Environmental Science & Technology 43(24): 9089-9095.

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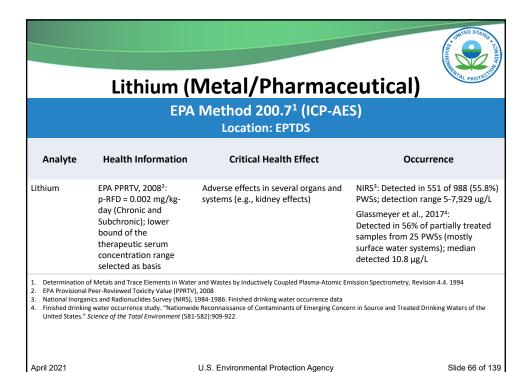
Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances

Using EPA Method 537.1¹ (LC/MS/MS)
Location: EPTDS

Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NEtFOSAA)	No EPA health assessment	NA	No occurrence data available in the data sources reviewed
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSAA)	No EPA health assessment	NA	No occurrence data available in the data sources reviewed
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA)	No EPA health assessment	NA	Boone et al., 2019 ² : Detected in 0% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs.
Perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA)	No EPA health assessment	NA	Boone et al., 2019: Detected in 0% of partially treated samples from 25 PWSs.

- Determination of Selected Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances in Drinking Water by Solid Phase Extraction and Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS), Version 2.0. March 2020.
- Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in source and treated drinking waters of the United States." Science of The Total Environment 653 (February 25):359-369

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Other Contaminants Considered

- EPA considered four haloacetonitriles and Legionella pneumophila for UCMR 5 monitoring but did not propose them for the reasons described in the Federal Register Notice
- EPA is examining opportunities to enhance protection against disinfection byproducts (including haloacetonitriles) and *Legionella* pneumophila through potential revisions to the suite of Microbial and Disinfection Byproduct (MDBP) rules, including the Surface Water Treatment Rule
- EPA took into consideration that UCMR 5 data collection would not be complete in time to inform regulatory revision to the MDBP rules (an anticipated proposal date of July 31, 2024 and a final rule date of September 30, 2027) and would not reflect conditions in water systems after any regulatory revisions become effective

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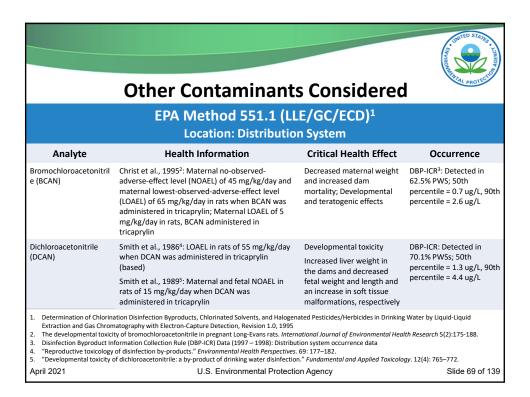
Other Contaminants Considered

- Inclusion of haloacetonitriles and/or Legionella pneumophila in UCMR 5 would pose monitoring and reporting complexity and cost compared to the sampling design for PFAS and lithium
 - Haloacetonitriles: new expense estimates of \$16 million for large PWSs, \$20 million for EPA [to implement small system monitoring], and \$0.5 million for small PWSs and States over the 5-year UCMR period
 - Legionella pneumophila: new expense estimates of \$11 million for large PWSs, \$20 million for EPA [to implement small system monitoring], and \$0.5 million for small PWSs and States over the 5-year UCMR period

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	Other Contaminar	nts Consi	dered
EPA Method 551.1 (LLE/GC/ECD) Location: Distribution System			
Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence
Dibromoacetonitrile (DBAN)	WHO, 2004 TDI ¹ : 0.11 mg/kg/day WHO, 1999 IARC ² Cancer Classification: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B)	Decreased body weight in male rats	DBP-ICR3: Detected in 48.6% PWSs; 50th percentile = <0.5 ug/L, 90th percentile = 2.3 ug/L
Trichloroacetonitrile (TCAN)	Christ et al., 1996 ⁴ : NOAEL in rats of 35 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 55 mg/kg/day when TCAN was administered in corn oil	Developmental toxicity and teratogenicity	DBP-ICR: Detected in 1.7% PWS; 50th percentile = <0.5 ug/L, 90th percentile = <0.5 ug/L
	WHO, 1999 IARC Cancer Classification: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Group 3)		
International Agency for Research Disinfection Byproduct Information	WHO), Tolerable Daily Intake (TDI) earch on Cancer (IARC) mation Collection Rule (DBP-ICR) Data (1997 – 1998): Dis ichloroacetonitrile administered in corn oil to pregnant I		
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Other Contaminants Considered

Method TBD Location: Distribution System

Location. Distribution System						
Analyte	Health Information	Critical Health Effect	Occurrence			
Legionella pneumophila	MCLG ¹ = 0	Legionellosis, which can be Legionnaires' disease (a form of pneumonia; potentially fatal illness) or Pontiac Fever (a milder, flu- like illness)	Donohue et al., 2019 ² : Between 2011 and 2017, 358 tap water samples were collected from 46 U.S. States and territories. Legionella was detected in 26% of chlorinated tap water samples and 22% of chloraminated tap water samples. There was no significant difference in detection frequency in hot-water or coldwater tap samples whether from chlorine- or chloramine-treated water sources			

Legionella pneumophila is regulated via "treatment technique" with a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of zero established under EPA's Surface Water Treatment Rule (54 FR 27486, June 1989)

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Other Contaminants Considered

- Total Organic Fluorine (TOF): While there is high interest in TOF (and other techniques that might capture a broader suite of PFAS), the measurement approach is subject to significant technical challenges, and a robust method that would support national monitoring is unlikely to be ready in time to support UCMR 5 rulemaking
- 1,2,3-tricholorpropane: Included in UCMR 3. At 0.03 μ g/L, the MRL established in UCMR 3 is higher than the EPA health reference level (HRL) associated with a cancer risk level of one cancer case per million people (0.0004 μ g/L (0.4 ng/L), but lower than the cancer risk level associated with one cancer case per 10,000 people (0.04 μ g/L))
 - Available analytical methods would not support the collection of data at concentrations lower than the levels monitored during UCMR 3

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Donohue et al., 2019: Finished drinking water occurrence study. "Impact on the Detection and Quantification of Legionella pneumophila and Mycobacterium Species"



UCMR 5 Contaminants

- EPA invites public comments on:
 - The 30 proposed contaminants and their associated methods
 - The additional contaminants considered for UCMR 5, but not included on the proposed list
 - Additional contaminants that may not have been considered for UCMR 5
 - Additional consensus analytical methods for the proposed contaminants



Go to <u>www.regulations.gov</u> and enter Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0530 to submit public comments

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Information Compendium for Candidate Contaminants

- Provides supporting information for the 30 proposed contaminants, as well as Legionella pneumophila and four haloacetonitriles
- Used data sources from the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) program to inform
 - Background & Use
 - Health Effects
 - Occurrence in Water
 - Production, Release, & Usage
 - · Persistence & Mobility
- · Outlines the contaminant prioritization process
- · Summarizes the data sources reviewed
- Includes a comprehensive list of the other contaminants that were considered, but not included on the proposed list

The document "Information Compendium for Candidate Contaminants for the Proposed Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5)" is available in the

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Representative Samples (Optional)

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Overview

- Ground Water Representative Monitoring Plan (GWRMP) Program
 - Option for ground water systems to reduce monitoring
- Representative connections
 - Option for water systems that purchase water with multiple connections from the same wholesaler

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Ground Water Representative Monitoring Plan (GWRMP) Program

- Applications from ground water systems now being accepted
- PWSs with multiple ground water entry points to the distribution system (EPTDSs) can sample at representative sampling locations rather than at each EPTDS with EPA approval
- Previously-approved plans may be used for UCMR 5 if there are no significant changes in the configuration of the ground water EPTDSs since prior approval
- PWSs must prepare proposals for any new GWRMPs and submit them to: <u>UCMR Sampling Coordinator@epa.gov</u>

The document "Instructions for Preparing a Ground Water Representative Monitoring Plan for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule" is available in the docket

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GWRMP Program

Key GWRMP Proposal Requirements:

- Site map showing the locations of all wells and the proposed representative wells. Generally, represented wells should be located within a mile of the representative well
- Uniform contamination susceptibility among the represented wells and their representative well
- Historical ground water quality data demonstrating similarity among the represented wells and the representative well

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GWRMP Program

GWRMPs approved under prior UCMRs

- These may be used for UCMR 5 if there are no significant changes in the configuration of the ground water EPTDSs since prior approval. The PWS must send a message to UCMR Sampling Coordinator@epa.gov to confirm its intention to use the previous GWRMP
- If EPA does not have record of a previously-approved GWRMP, EPA will contact the PWS to request that documentation

Amending GWRMPs

- Requests for change must also be submitted to UCMR_Sampling_Coordinator@epa.gov
- If new wells are being added, the amendment request must be accompanied by the supporting information discussed on a previous slide

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GWRMP Program: Change Between UCMR 4 and UCMR 5 Proposal

UCMR 4	UCMR 5 Proposed Change
	As proposed, plans must be
UCMR 4 specifies "within 120 days	submitted to EPA six months prior to
from publication of the final rule" as	the PWS's scheduled sample
the deadline to submit a GWRMP	collection, instead of by a specified
	date

Reason for considering change: Provides greater flexibility for PWSs with ground water locations to complete the GWRMP process. Those scheduled to collect samples in 2024 or 2025 would have significantly more time

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Representative Connections

- Representative Connections: Water systems that purchase water with multiple connections from the same wholesaler may select one representative connection from that wholesaler
 - Do not need EPA approval
 - Upload your representative connection to SDWARS

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UCMR 5 Reporting

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Overview

- SDWARS 5
- Reporting requirements
- Data elements
- Timing of reporting

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SDWARS 5

- Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) used by PWSs and EPA-approved UCMR 5 laboratories to report results
- Internet-based electronic reporting system that utilizes a secure access portal, the Central Data Exchange (CDX), to access SDWARS 5
- SDWARS 5 user instructions and trainings for labs, PWSs, and States will be available after the final rule is published

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Large System Reporting §141.35(c)

- Contact and zip code information
 - SDWARS by December 31, 2022
- Sampling location information
 - SDWARS by December 31, 2022
 - Changes after December 31, 2022 must be submitted to UCMR_Sampling_Coordinator@epa.gov and approved by EPA
- Data elements
 - PWSs must report all data elements specified in §141.35(e) Table 1 (e.g., disinfectant type and treatment information) to SDWARS
- Analytical results
 - Uploaded to SDWARS by the PWS' laboratory
 - Reviewed and submitted by PWS in SDWARS

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Small System Reporting §141.35(d)

- Contact and zip code information
 - SDWARS by December 31, 2022
- Sampling location information
 - SDWARS by December 31, 2022
- Data elements
 - PWSs must report all data elements specified in §141.35(e) Table 1 on each sample tracking form, in their sampling kit, as appropriate
- Analytical results
 - Uploaded to SDWARS by EPA's contracted laboratory
 - · Reviewed by EPA in SDWARS
 - Small PWSs and states will have access to results via SDWARS

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Reporting Data E	lements §141.35(e)		
Public Water System Identification (PWSID) Code	15. Analytical Method Code		
2. Public Water System Name	16. Extraction Batch Identification Code		
3. Public Water System Facility Identification Code	17. Extraction Date		
4. Public Water System Facility Name	18. Analysis Batch Identification Code		
5. Public Water System Facility Type	19. Analysis Date		
6. Water Source Type	20. Sample Analysis Type		
7. Sampling Point Identification Code	21. Analytical Results—Sign		
8. Sampling Point Name	22. Analytical Result—Measured Value		
9. Sampling Point Type Code	23. Additional Value		
10. Disinfectant Type (Additional Details)	24. Laboratory Identification Code		
11. Treatment Information (Additional Details)	25. Sample Event Code		
12. Sample Collection Date	26. Historical Information for Contaminant Detections and Treatment (Additional Details)		
13. Sample Identification Code	27. Potential PFAS Sources (Additional Details)		
14. Contaminant	28. Direct Potable Reuse Water Information (Additional Details)		
Data elements PWS reports at sample collect	tion Updated data element		
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Disinfectant Type - Data Element 10

All of the disinfectants/oxidants that have been added prior to and at the entry point to the distribution system. Please select all that apply:

- **PEMB** = Permanganate
- **HPXB** = Hydrogen peroxide
- CLGA = Gaseous chlorine
- CLOF = Offsite generated hypochlorite (stored as a liquid form)
- CLON = Onsite generated hypochlorite
- CAGC = Chloramine (formed with gaseous chlorine)
- CAOF = Chloramine (formed with offsite hypochlorite)

- **CAON** = Chloramine (formed with onsite hypochlorite)
- CLDB = Chlorine dioxide
- OZON = Ozone
- **ULVL** = Ultraviolet light
- OTHD = All other types of disinfectant/oxidant
- NODU = No disinfectant/oxidant used

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Treatment Information - Data Element 1

Treatment information associated with the sample point. Please select all that apply.

- **CON** = Conventional (non-softening, consisting of at least coagulation/sedimentation basins and filtration)
- SFN = Softening
- RBF = River bank filtration
- PSD = Pre-sedimentation
- INF = In-line filtration
- DFL = Direct filtration
- SSF = Slow sand filtration
- BIO = Biological filtration (operated with an intention of maintaining biological activity within
- UTR = Unfiltered treatment for surface water source
- **GWD** = Groundwater system with disinfection only
- PAC = Application of powder activated carbon
- GAC = Granular activated carbon adsorption (not part of filters in CON, SFN, INF, DFL, or SSF) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- AIR = Air stripping (packed towers, diffused gas contactors)
- **POB** = Pre-oxidation with chlorine (applied before coagulation for CON or SFN plants or before filtration for other filtration plants)
- MFL = Membrane filtration
- IEX = Ionic exchange
- DAF = Dissolved air floatation
- CWL = Clear well/finished water storage without aeration
- CWA = Clear well/finished water storage with
- ADS = Aeration in distribution system (localized treatment)
- OTH = All other types of treatment
- NTU = No treatment used
- **DKN** = Do not know

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Historical Information for Contaminant Detections and Treatment - Data Element 26

A yes or no answer provided by the PWS for each entry point to the distribution system

Question: Have you tested for the contaminant in your drinking water in the past?

- YES = If yes, did you modify your treatment and if so, what types of treatment did you implement? Select all that apply.
 - PAC = Application of powder activated carbon
 - GAC = Granular activated carbon adsorption (not part of filters in CON, SCO, INF, DFL, or SSF)
 - · Biologically Active Carbon
 - MFL = Membrane filtration
 - ULVL = Ultraviolet light
 - Other

- No = have never tested for the contaminant
- DK = I do not know

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A yes or no answer provided by the PWS for each entry point to the distribution system

Question: Are you aware of any potential current and/or historical sources of PFAS that may have impacted the drinking water sources at your water system?

- YES = If yes, select all that apply:
 - MB = Military Base
 - **FT** = Firefighting training school
 - AO = Airport Operations
 - **CW** = Car Wash or Industrial Launderers
 - PS = Public Safety Activities (e.g., fire and rescue services)
 - WM = Waste Management
 - HW = Hazardous waste collection, treatment and disposal, Underground Injection Well
 - SC = Solid waste collection, combustors, incinerators
 - MF = Manufacturing
 - FP = Food Packaging
 - TA = Textile and Apparel (e.g., stain- and waterresistant, fiber/thread, carpet, house furnishings, leather)
 - **PP** = Paper

- **CC** = Chemical
- PR = Plastics and Rubber Products
- MM = Machinery
- CE = Computer and Electronic Products
- FM = Fabricated Metal Products (e.g., nonstick cookware)
- PC = Petroleum and Coal Products
- **FF** = Furniture
- OG = Oil and Gas Production
- **UT =** Utilities (e.g., sewage treatment facilities)
- CT = Construction (e.g., wood floor finishing, electrostatic painting)
- OT = Other
- No = I am not aware of any potential current and/or historical sources
- **DK** = I do not know

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Direct Potable Reuse Water Information – Data Element 28

A yes or no answer provided by the PWS for each entry point to the distribution system

Question: Do you use direct potable reuse as a source of water?

Yes = If yes, what is the blending ratio when used? Enter blending ratio at sample point

No = do not use direct potable reuse water

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Timing of Reporting: Change Between UCMR 4 and UCMR 5 Proposal

 Adjust the number of days between sample collection and laboratory posting of data and adjust the number of days for PWS review of data posted by their laboratory (40 CFR 141.40(c)(6)(ii) Reporting Schedule and 40 CFR 141.40(a)(5)(vi) Reporting)

Specifies that laboratories must approve analytical results in EPA's electronic data reporting system within 120 days from the sample collection date and specifies that PWS have 60 days (from when the laboratory posted the data to EPA's electronic data reporting system) to review, approve, and submit their data to the State and EPA

UCMR 5 Proposed Change

Laboratories would have **90 days** from the sample collection date to post and approve analytical results in SDWARS for PWS review. Large PWSs would have **30 days** to review and approve the analytical results posted to SDWARS

Reason for Change: States and other stakeholders have expressed interest in earlier
access to results. Laboratories and PWSs have demonstrated that shorter periods are
practical.

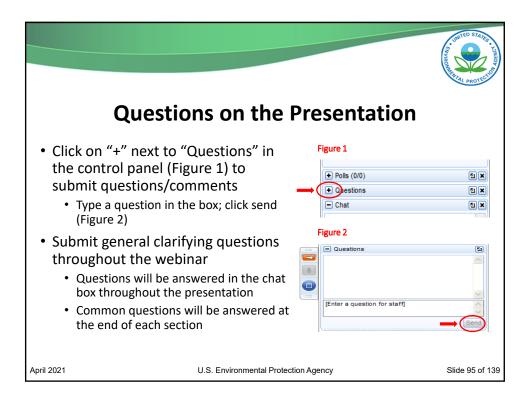
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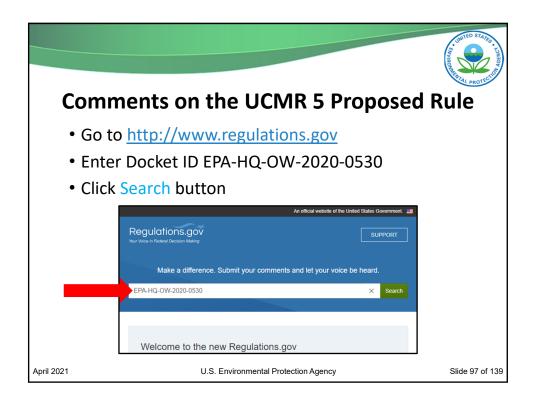
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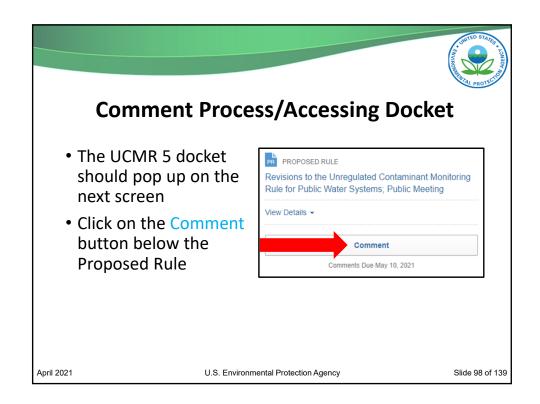
- Public Water System (PWS)-Specific Questions
 - UCMR Sampling Coordinator@epa.gov
 - "My water system has five entry points, but we share three of those points with another water system. Where do I sample?"
- Laboratory-Specific Questions
 - UCMR Lab Approval@epa.gov
 - "My laboratory merged with another laboratory since the last UCMR cycle, can we change our laboratory ID?"

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Comment Process/Accessing Docket

- · Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed
- Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI)
- Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment
 - Written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make
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Process for EPA Approval of Laboratories Supporting UCMR 5

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Overview

- Laboratory Approval Program
 - General expectations
 - Contracts for small system sample analysis
 - Laboratory approval procedure
- Laboratory Approval Manual
- Maintaining Approval
- Minimum Reporting Levels (MRLs)

For additional information, the document "UCMR 5 Laboratory Approval Manual" is available in the docket

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General Expectations

- Program is **OPEN**
- Laboratory Approval Program for UCMR 5 is expected to be similar to the process used for all previous UCMR cycles
- Only the EPA-approved laboratories can analyze UCMR samples collected at PWSs
 - · Approval is by method and by individual laboratory locations
 - A laboratory may apply for approval for any method(s)
- · Laboratories need to meet:
 - · UCMR 5 laboratory approval program criteria
 - · Required equipment criteria
 - · Laboratory performance criteria
 - Data reporting criteria (includes use of text file format to report to SDWARS)
- Labs must be approved by EPA to support UCMR 5 even if already certified or accredited by State/primacy entity for a particular method being used in UCMR 5

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Contracts for Small-System Sample Analysis

- EPA would need significantly more laboratory support than normal if UCMR 5 is finalized as proposed (based on the greater number of small water systems specified by America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA))
- In preparation for UCMR 5 monitoring, EPA anticipates soliciting proposals and awarding contracts to laboratories to support small system sample analysis prior to the end of the proficiency testing (PT) program
- Historically, laboratories awarded contracts by EPA have been required to first be approved to perform all methods
- Interested laboratories are encouraged to start the Laboratory Approval Program process early

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Laboratory Approval General Procedure

- Step 1: Request to Participate
- Step 2: Registration
- Step 3: Application Package
- Step 4: EPA Review of Application Package
- Step 5: Proficiency Testing (PT)
- Step 6: Written EPA approval

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Step 1 – Request to Participate

- Interested laboratories submit a written request to the UCMR Lab Approval@epa.gov
- EPA provides registration material
- EPA provides a custom application package based on registration information

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Step 2 - Registration

- Complete registration sheet typically includes:
 - List of the UCMR methods for which the laboratory sought approval
 - · Laboratory information
 - Mailing and shipping address
 - Contact information
- Based on a January 1, 2023, anticipated start for UCMR 5 sample collection, EPA anticipates that the final opportunity for a laboratory to complete and submit the necessary registration and application information will be August 1, 2022

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Step 3 – Application Package

- Separate application for each method
- Application typically required to include:
 - Proof of current drinking water laboratory certification (for select compliance monitoring methods)
 - · Personnel information
 - · Quality Assurance (QA) information
 - Information regarding analytical equipment and sample handling procedures
 - Data submission for each method (e.g., Initial Demonstration of Capability (IDC) study, QC sample results, quantification reports)
- Lab would receive a copy of the Laboratory Approval Manual

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Change Between UCMR 4 and UCMR 5 Proposal: Laboratory Approval Registration and Application Deadlines

• Establish more flexible deadlines for laboratory approval

UCMR 4	UCMR 5 Proposed Change
To participate in the UCMR Laboratory Approval Program, the laboratory must complete and submit the necessary registration forms within 60 days of final rule publication, and necessary application materials within 120 days of final rule publication	Proposes that the laboratory complete and submit registration and application materials to EPA by August 1, 2022 to participate in the UCMR Laboratory Approval Program

Reason for change: Provide greater flexibility per laboratory interest

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Step 4 – Review of Application Package

- EPA reviews application package
 - If deficiencies are identified, EPA gives the lab an opportunity to make corrective actions and submit new application information
 - If all requested information is present and acceptable, EPA notifies the laboratory that they are eligible to participate in corresponding PT studies

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Step 5 - Proficiency Testing (PT)

- EPA provides method-specific PT samples
- EPA anticipates offering up to three (3) PT studies prior to the publication of the final rule, and at least two (2) studies after publication of the final rule
- Plan to participate in PTs early if interested in becoming a contract laboratory for small system work
- As proposed, each laboratory would be required to:
 - Participate in at least two (2) PT studies for each method for which it seeks approval
 - Pass a PT for each analyte in each method for which the laboratory is seeking approval
 - Successfully report PT data to SDWARS using text file format

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Step 6 - Written EPA Approval

- After successful participation in a PT study for a specific method, EPA expects to send the laboratory a notification letter listing the methods for which approval is either:
 - Pending pending promulgation of the final rule if the PT studies have been conducted prior to that time
 - Granted after promulgation of the final rule
- Laboratories receiving pending approval are expected to be granted approval without further action following promulgation of the final rule if no changes have been made to the rule that impact the laboratory approval program
 - EPA expects to contact the laboratory if changes are made between the proposed and final rules that warrant additional action by the laboratory
- A list of approved laboratories and associated methods will be posted at: https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr

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Laboratory Approval Manual

- Procedures for obtaining UCMR approval and procedures for revocation of approval
- · QA requirements
- · QC requirements
 - · MRL verification
 - · Initial demonstration of capability
 - · Initial calibration
 - · Continuing calibration checks
 - · Surrogate and internal standard criteria
 - Reagent blanks and fortified blanks
 - QC samples
 - · Spiked field samples
 - Field blank criteria (if required by the method)
- Sample handling requirements

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Typical Criteria for Maintaining Approval

- Adhere to QA/QC measures in the methods, rule language, and the Laboratory Approval Manual
- Post occurrence data and required QC data via SDWARS within prescribed timeframe
- Respond to inquires or requests from Laboratory Approval Coordinator
- Participate in and pass on-site and/or paper audits

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Reporting Limit Background

- The minimum reporting level (MRL) is the minimum quantitation level that, with 95% confidence, can be achieved by capable analysts at 75% or more of the laboratories nationwide using a specified analytical method
- EPA establishes the MRL using data from multiple laboratories performing "Lowest Concentration Minimum Reporting Level" (LCMRL) studies to identify their capability
- Each single-laboratory lowest concentration MRL (LCMRL) is the lowest true concentration for which the future recovery is predicted to fall, with high confidence (99%), between 50 and 150% recovery
 - Lowest concentration that measurements of specified quality can be made by a particular laboratory
 - · Simultaneous application of precision and accuracy

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MRLs

- Established to achieve quality and consistency across all UCMR laboratories, while allowing for appropriate national laboratory capacity
- MRLs are generally established as low as is feasible;
 typically lower than current HRLs and health advisories
- EPA will consider adjusting MRLs if there is confirmed and recurring evidence that an MRL is unattainable/impractical

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Proposed MRLs for UCMR 5

Analyte	CASRN	Analytical Method	MRL
11-chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS)	763051-92-9	EPA 533	0.005 μg/L
1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2 FTS)	39108-34-4	EPA 533	0.005 μg/L
1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2 FTS)	757124-72-4	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2 FTS)	27619-97-2	EPA 533	0.005 μg/L
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA)	919005-14-4	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS)	756426-58-1	EPA 533	0.002 μg/L
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA)(GenX)	13252-13-6	EPA 533	0.005 μg/L
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA)	151772-58-6	EPA 533	0.02 μg/L

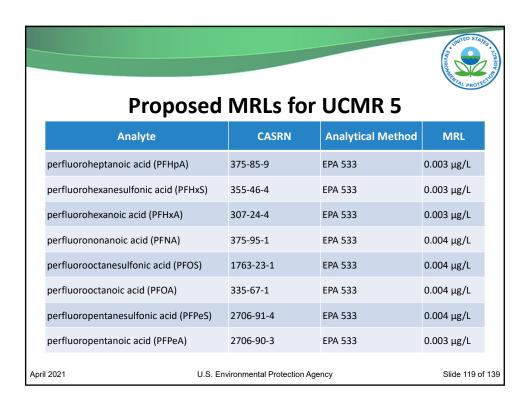
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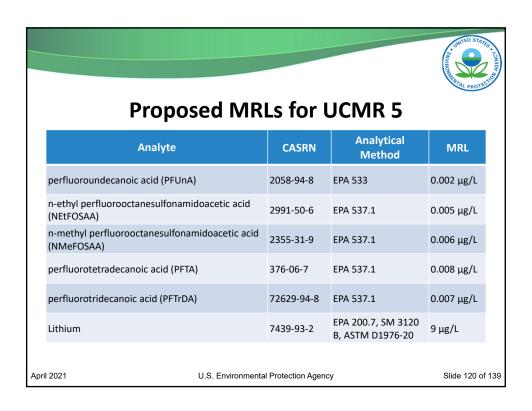


Proposed MRLs for UCMR 5

Analyte	CASRN	Analytical Method	MRL
perfluoro (2-ethoxyethane) sulfonic acid (PFEESA)	113507-82-7	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA)	377-73-1	EPA 533	0.004 μg/L
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA)	863090-89-5	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	375-73-5	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	375-22-4	EPA 533	0.005 μg/L
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	335-76-2	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)	307-55-1	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS)	375-92-8	EPA 533	0.003 μg/L

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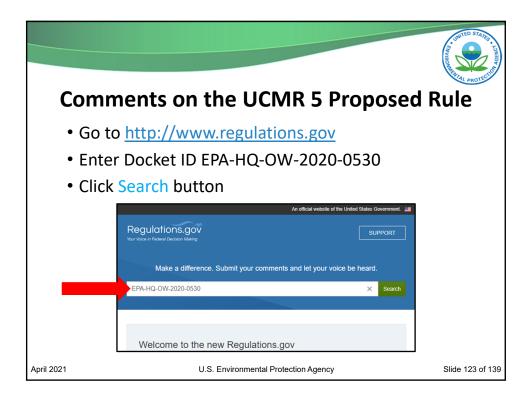


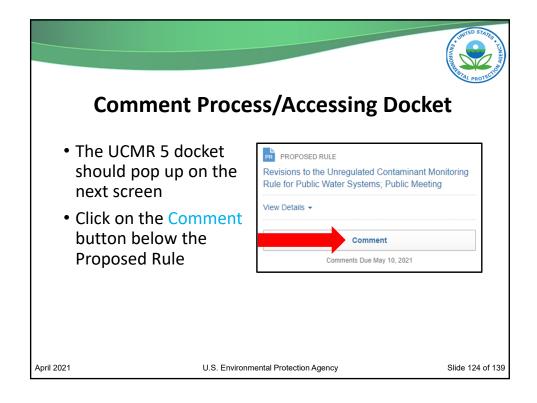
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Comment Process/Accessing Docket

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Closing Remarks

Thank you for participating in the UCMR 5 proposal discussion



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

- 11Cl-PF3OUdS 11-Chloroeicosafluoro-3-Oxaundecane-1-Sulfonic Acid
- 4:2 FTS 1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid
- 6:2 FTS 1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid
- 8:2 FTS 1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorodecane Sulfonic Acid
- 9CI-PF3ONS 9-Chlorohexadecafluoro-3-Oxanone-1-Sulfonic Acid
- ADONA 4,8-Dioxa-3H-Perfluorononanoic Acid
- ATSDR Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- AWIA America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018
- BCAN Bromochloroacetonitrile
- **CBI** Confidential Business Information

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- CCL Contaminant Candidate List
- CDR Chemical Data Reporting
- CDX Central Data Exchange
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- CWS Community Water System
- **DBAN** Dibromoacetonitrile
- **DBP** Disinfection Byproduct
- DBP-ICR Disinfection Byproduct Information Collection Rule
- DCAN Dichloroacetonitrile
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- EPTDS Entry Point to the Distribution System

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

- FR Federal Register
- GenX Trade Name for a Technology Used to Make High-Performance Fluoropolymers Without the Use of PFOA
- **GWRMPs** Ground Water Representative Monitoring Plans
- HA Office of Water Health Advisory
- Health Canada Health Canada Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality
- **HESD** Health Effects Support Document
- **HFPO-DA** Hexafluoropropylene Oxide Dimer Acid
- IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

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- ICP-AES Inductively Coupled Plasma- Atomic Emission Spectrometry
- IDC Initial Demonstration of Capability
- IRIS Integrated Risk Information System
- kg Kilograms
- **L** Liter
- LC/MS/MS Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry
- LCMRL Lowest Concentration Minimum Reporting Level
- LOAEL Lowest-Observed-Adverse-Effect Level
- MAC Maximum Acceptable Concentration

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

- MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
- MDBP Microbial and Disinfection Byproduct
- mg Milligrams
- MMWR Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports
- MRL Minimum Reporting Level
- NAWQA National Water-Quality Assessment
- NCOD National Contaminant Occurrence Database
- NDAA National Defense Authorization Act
- NEtFOSAA N-Ethyl Perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic Acid
- NFDHA Nonafluoro-3,6-Dioxaheptanoic Acid

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- NIRS National Inorganics and Radionuclides Survey
- NMeFOSAA N-Methyl Perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic Acid
- NOAEL No-Observed-Adverse-Effect Level
- NPDWRs National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
- NTNCWS Non-Transient Non-Community Water System
- OGWDW Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
- PBT Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic
- **PFAS** Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
- PFBA Perfluorobutanoic Acid
- PFBS Perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

- PFDA Perfluorodecanoic Acid
- PFDoA Perfluorododecanoic Acid
- PFEESA Perfluoro (2-Ethoxyethane) Sulfonic Acid
- PFHpA Perfluoroheptanoic Acid
- PFHpS Perfluoroheptanesulfonic Acid
- PFHxA Perfluorohexanoic Acid
- PFHxS Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid
- PFMBA Perfluoro-4-Methoxybutanoic Acid
- PFMPA Perfluoro-3-Methoxypropanoic Acid
- PFNA Perfluorononanoic Acid

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- PFOA Perfluorooctanoic Acid
- PFOS Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid
- PFPeA Perfluoropentanoic Acid
- PFPeS Perfluoropentanesulfonic Acid
- PFTA Perfluorotetradecanoic Acid
- PFTrDA Perfluorotridecanoic Acid
- PFUnA Perfluoroundecanoic Acid
- PPRTV Provisional Peer-Reviewed Toxicity Values
- PT Proficiency Testing
- PWS Public Water System

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

- PWSID Public Water System Identification Code
- QA Quality Assurance
- QC Quality Control
- RfD Reference Dose
- SDWA Safe Drinking Water Act
- SDWARS Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System
- SPE Solid Phase Extraction
- TCAN Trichloroacetonitrile
- TNCWS Transient Non-Community Water System
- TOF Total Organic Fluorine

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- TSCA Toxic Substance Control Act
- UCM Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring
- UCMR Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule
- ug Micrograms
- USGS United States Geological Survey
- WHO World Health Organization

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