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PFAS Removal Report/Strategies/Funding Options to Address PFAS Removal in Drinking Water/Wastewater: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Report to the State Legislature

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The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (“MPCA”) prepared a January 2025 Report titled:

PFAS Removal Report – Strategies and funding options to address PFAS removal in drinking water and wastewater (“Report”).

The Report was required to be prepared by the MPCA and Minnesota Department of Health by the Minnesota Legislature. See 2024 Session Law, Chapter 116, Article 2, Sec. 29.

The Report addresses per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”).

As the Report notes, these are a class of human-made chemicals that have been widely used in commerce since the 1950’s. PFAS are described as highly mobile and are therefore capable of long-range atmospheric transport and long migration distances in groundwater compared to many conventional pollutants. They have been further characterized as persistent, mobile, and discovered in water, soil, air, fish, wildlife, snow, and humans.

The Report states that it has:

...identified strategies to address PFAS contamination in drinking water and wastewater, such that companies that manufacture, use, or otherwise release PFAS would be financially responsible for their contributions to PFAS contamination.

Components of the Report include:

- Recommendations
- Fee structure
- Additional considerations
- PFAS manufacture, use, and release in Minnesota
- PFAS pollution prevention and reduction in Minnesota
- Firefighting foams
- Food packaging

- Pesticides
- Consumer products (Amara's Law)
- PFAS contamination in drinking water
- Current efforts to understand PFAS contamination in drinking water
- Alternatives for providing safe drinking water
- Recommended strategies
- PFAS contamination in municipal wastewater
- Current efforts to understand PFAS in municipal wastewater
- Alternatives for addressing PFAS in municipal wastewater
- Recommended strategies

A copy of the Report can be downloaded [here](#).