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EPA establishes new council to tackle PFAS

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Last week, EPA Administrator Michael Regan issued a (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-04/documents/per-and_polyfluoroalkyl_substances.memo_.signed.pdf) memorandum (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-04/documents/per-and_polyfluoroalkyl_substances.memo_.signed.pdf) to EPA leadership regarding the agency's work on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The memo establishes a new council charged with building on EPA's ongoing work to better understand PFAS and reduce potential public health risks from the chemicals. Regan, who identified (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-regan-establishes-new-council-pfas>) PFAS as one of his top priorities, named Office of Water Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox and Region 1 Acting Regional Administrator Deb Szaro to co-chair the "EPA Council on PFAS" (ECP).

Regan is requiring the ECP to make initial recommendations within 100 days of its establishment. The memo gives the group four directives, including developing a multi-year strategy to "deliver critical public health protections to the public." To accomplish this, the ECP will review ongoing EPA actions, propose necessary modifications, and identify new approaches and priorities. More information on this new council can be found in the April Regulatory Report (<https://www.amwa.net/article/epa-establishes-new-council-tackle-pfas>).

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