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EPA releases Draft Fifth Contaminant Candidate List for public comment

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The Draft Contaminant Candidate List 5 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2021-15121/drinking-water-contaminant-candidate-list-5---draft>) (CCL 5) announced (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-identifies-drinking-water-contaminants-potential-regulation>) by EPA (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-identifies-drinking-water-contaminants-potential-regulation>) last week includes 66 individual chemicals, 12 microbes, and three chemical groups – PFAS, cyanotoxins, and disinfection byproducts. The CCL (<https://www.epa.gov/ccl/contaminant-candidate-list-5-ccl-5>) is the first step under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to screen and evaluate contaminants that may require future regulation and which EPA will consider during regulatory determinations. The Draft CCL 5 was published in the Federal Register today, giving the public until September 17 to provide comments. AMWA will be consulting with members and providing comments.

The PFAS group included in the Draft CCL 5 encompasses all PFAS except PFOA and PFOS, which EPA has already decided to regulate. It is important to note that the inclusion of a contaminant on the CCL does not automatically mean that it will be regulated in the future. SDWA requires EPA to publish the CCL every five years, and the contaminants included on the CCL must not be subject to any national primary drinking water regulations, are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems and may require regulation under SDWA.

Additionally, EPA's Science Advisory Board has put out a request for nominations (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-07-15/pdf/2021-15013.pdf>) for scientific experts to form a panel that will review the Draft CCL 5. The agency is looking for individuals with expertise in microbiology (particularly waterborne pathogens), public health, toxicology (particularly developmental/reproductive toxicology), new and emerging contaminants, statistical modeling and uncertainty analysis, risk assessment, and exposure of contaminants in drinking water. Those wishing to submit nominations must do so by

August 5.

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