

The family of cancer-causing chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) pose a health risk to communities and ecosystems served by public water and wastewater utilities such as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District). Public utilities such as the District have not manufactured PFAS. Still, they are now in the position of having to spend money to monitor for them, seek solutions for their treatment, explore approaches for preventing their entry into their systems, and otherwise protect public and ecosystem health from exposure to them.

**It is the direction of the District's Board of Commissioners (Board)** to District staff that organizations and lobbyists that represent the District's and similar utilities' interests in Congress, and the State legislature shall:

- Request draft legislative language be circulated to District staff and Board (via the chair and vice chair of the Public Health & Welfare Committee and any other committee leadership that requests it) by September 1, 2023, that seeks approaches whereby PFAS manufacturers will be responsible for all related (direct and indirect) expenses borne by utilities such as the District.
- Request this approach be in addition to the current organizations' position that utilities should be indemnified from responsibility. This is because Congress has, so far, not indemnified utilities and may not until alternative potentially responsible entities are identified for responsibility.
- Request quarterly reports to the Board directly from such organizations and lobbyists starting June 30, 2023, that:
  - Describe progress made in introducing such legislation, including bipartisan legislators with whom trade associations and lobbyists are working; and
  - Describe progress made in passing such legislation