

May 2024 PFAS Legislative Developments

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Federal Legislature

- No new bills were introduced.

Federal Regulations

- There were no significant developments in May, but in April the EPA released a final regulation designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous under the nation's Superfund law.

State Legislature

- Fifteen bills were introduced.
- Six states introduced bills.
- Notable topics the legislature addressed include the presence of PFAS in water sources and packaging material.

State Regulations

- Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging (ME) became effective 5/1/2024. (06-096 Ch. 80). This establishes a sales prohibition on the use of specific applications of intentionally added PFAS to certain types of food packaging. Specifically, "A manufacturer, supplier, or distributor may not offer for sale or for promotional purposes in the State food packaging intended for direct food contact comprised, in substantial part, of paper, paperboard, or other materials originally derived from plant fibers which are intended for short-term storage or to hold freshly prepared food, to which PFAS have been intentionally introduced in any amount greater than an incidental presence..."

Signed into Law

Two bills were passed into law related to PFAS in May 2024.

- HB1153 (MD) was approved by the Governor 5/9/2024. This bill establishes limits for PFAS in any water discharged by industrial entities.
- S25 (VT) was approved by the Governor 5/30/2024. This bill prohibits the sale of certain products, including cosmetics, menstrual products, and textiles containing intentionally-added PFAS.

New Bills This Period

PFAS Legislation

Federal

- No bills introduced.

State

- Fifteen (15) bills introduced.
- One (1) in DC.
- Two (2) in MN.
- Three (3) in NJ.
- Three (3) in NY.
- Four (4) in NC.
- Two (2) in VA.

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