

Administrative Rule Analysis



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Agency: Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division
Enabling Statute: Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1001 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

These proposed rules would establish standards for the regulation of PFAS in drinking water including contamination levels, testing requirements, and notification procedures. These rules would apply to public water suppliers, many of which are owned or operated by local governments. The rules are intended to reduce the risk to public health posed by PFAS contamination in drinking water.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rules are likely to increase costs for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. The department would be charged with training public water suppliers in testing requirements, reviewing test samples, and enforcement. The rules are also likely to increase costs for local governments that are also public water suppliers. These local governments are likely to incur costs related to drinking water testing and PFAS-specific treatment processes that are not currently required. The FY 2019-20 EGLE budget includes a one-time appropriation of \$36.0 million GF/GP for grants to drinking water systems for PFAS contaminant remediation and water system connection costs; grants are capped at \$5.0 million each.

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