

Priority 2 Work Group Feedback Summary

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- What is the Work Group Feedback Summary
 - High level review of Work Group feedback received from meetings and email communications between meetings
 - Provide responses to feedback and, where applicable, additional resources
- 1st Work Group Feedback Summary and Response
 - Sent to Work Group members via email in June 2023
 - Presented during July Work Group meeting
- 2nd Work Group Feedback Summary and Response
 - Sent to Work Group members via email in August 2023
 - Included in this presentation

Summary of Feedback Topics

Topic: Details on Request for Proposals (RFP) and criteria for project selection

- Presenting draft screening and evaluation criteria today, which will feed into the RFP
- Present RFP scope during the November Work Group for feedback

Topic: Consideration of subsistence fishing in addition to recreational fishing

- Recreational fishing improvements focus on enhanced fishing access to the public, whereas subsistence fishing includes consumption of fish
- Locations where PFAS levels are high, DNR and MPCA may not want to encourage or promote consumption of fish
- Continue to discuss PFAS contamination data and its relation to project selection today

Summary of Feedback Topics (cont.)

Topic: Treatment standards on 3M discharge at Cottage Grove facility

- Current permit (2003) requires “best available technology”, which in this case is granular activated carbon (GAC). It does not have numerical limitations on PFAS treatment. The new permit under development will have limits for PFAS compounds
- Production wastewater and PFAS-treated source water are being treated currently; in the future additional PFAS sources such as surface water run off, will also be treated with a more robust PFAS treatment technology scheme that has been under construction since 2022

Topic: Using Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) goals

- Goals are intended to be high level
- Criteria will encourage projects to have measurable, quantifiable benefits

Summary of Feedback Topics (cont.)

Topic: Collection of demographic information of those fishing in PFAS areas

- Collect limited demographic information such as hometown, zip code, gender and age
- Racial and ethnicity data is not collected routinely

Topic: Will the State assume liability related to increased PFAS injury from a project?

- No, the RFP will advise project applicants that the State will not assume liability for project activities
- If project sponsors desire liability assurance from the MPCA, they can enroll in the Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program

Summary of Feedback Topics (cont.)

Topic: Clarity on PFAS concentration units

- Work Group expressed a desire for consistent units and clarification on varying units that are used outside of Priority 2

Media Sampled		Liquid Units	Solid Units
Groundwater/drinking water	Part per trillion/ppt	ng/L	
Surface Water	Part per billion/ppb	ug/L	
Foam/wastewater	Part per million/ppm	mg/L & ug/mL	
Sediment/Tissues	Part per billion/ppb		ng/g & ug/kg
Soil	Part per million/ppm		mg/kg

Questions?

- Clarifying questions on the work group feedback summary and response?

