

**California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Notice to Interested Parties**

November 1, 2019

**INITIATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS FOR
PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID AND PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONATE IN
DRINKING WATER AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL INITIATION WEBINAR**

The Calderon–Sher California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996¹ requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to post a notice on its website when initiating the development or update of public health goals (PHGs) for contaminants in drinking water. PHGs are concentrations of chemicals in drinking water that are not anticipated to produce adverse health effects. PHGs are non-regulatory in nature but are to be used as the health basis to support California’s primary drinking water standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs) established by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

This public notice announces the initiation of PHG development for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in drinking water. OEHHA is requesting information that could assist in the risk assessments of these chemicals and calculation of their PHGs.

OEHHA is hosting a webinar on November 15, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST) to provide the public the opportunity to hear and ask questions about the toxicological and epidemiological data for evaluating the health risks of PFOA and PFOS. Information about the webinar can be found on the OEHHA website at <https://oehha.ca.gov/water>.

SWRCB adopted notification levels of 5.1 and 6.5 parts per trillion in water for PFOA and PFOS, respectively, on August 22, 2019, based on OEHHA’s health-based recommendations. The technical support document for OEHHA’s notification level recommendations can be found on OEHHA’s website at <https://oehha.ca.gov/media/downloads/water/chemicals/nl/final-pfoa-pfosnl082119.pdf>.

All information submitted to OEHHA in response to this request is considered public. Please do not submit proprietary information. In order to be considered during the PHG development process, **information must be received by January 15, 2020. OEHHA encourages submission of information in electronic form, rather than in paper form. Information may be submitted via the following link: <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments> or by e-mail to PHG.Program@oehha.ca.gov with the chemical name in the subject line.** Information submitted in paper form may be mailed or delivered in person to the address below:

¹ See Health and Safety Code section 116365

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