



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Interim PFAS Destruction and Disposal Guidance; Notice of Availability for Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020 NDAA) was signed into law on December 19, 2019. Section 7361 of the FY 2020 NDAA directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish interim guidance on the destruction and disposal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and materials containing PFAS. The EPA is releasing the interim guidance for public comment. The guidance provides information on technologies that may be feasible and appropriate for the destruction or disposal of PFAS and PFAS-containing materials. It also identifies needed and ongoing research and development activities related to destruction and disposal technologies, which may inform future guidance.

DATES: Comments must be received on or [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No EPA-HQ -OLEM-2020-0527, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method).
Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Agency Web Site: www.epa.gov/pfas Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, OLEM Docket, Mail

Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

- Hand Delivery / Courier: EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operations are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday (except Federal Holidays).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking.

Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This interim guidance provides a summary of EPA's current knowledge of technologies for destruction or disposal of PFAS and PFAS-containing materials. This information may be useful to EPA staff, other federal agencies, states, tribes, and local governments, the public, including environmental and public interest groups, as well as commercial and industry groups.

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