

# Solid Waste Industry PFAS Workgroup Update

Waste & Materials Management PFAS Technical Advisory Group  
*Meeting Nov 7, 2019*



# Call to Industry Members



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**WCSWMA**



WASTE ONLY

**WI Counties Solid Waste Management Association**

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- Must act quickly so the industry isn't left bearing PFAS costs
- Landfill leachate already being rejected from wastewater treatment facilities in WI
- Left with standards and methods that may be nearly impossible to meet if we are not at the table.
- Educate the public and regulators that waste facilities are not the producers or users of PFAS.

# Waste Systems as Receivers

- Waste Systems do not produce or use these chemicals
- Landfills cannot easily control sources of PFAS
- Inextricably tied to waste water treatment facilities

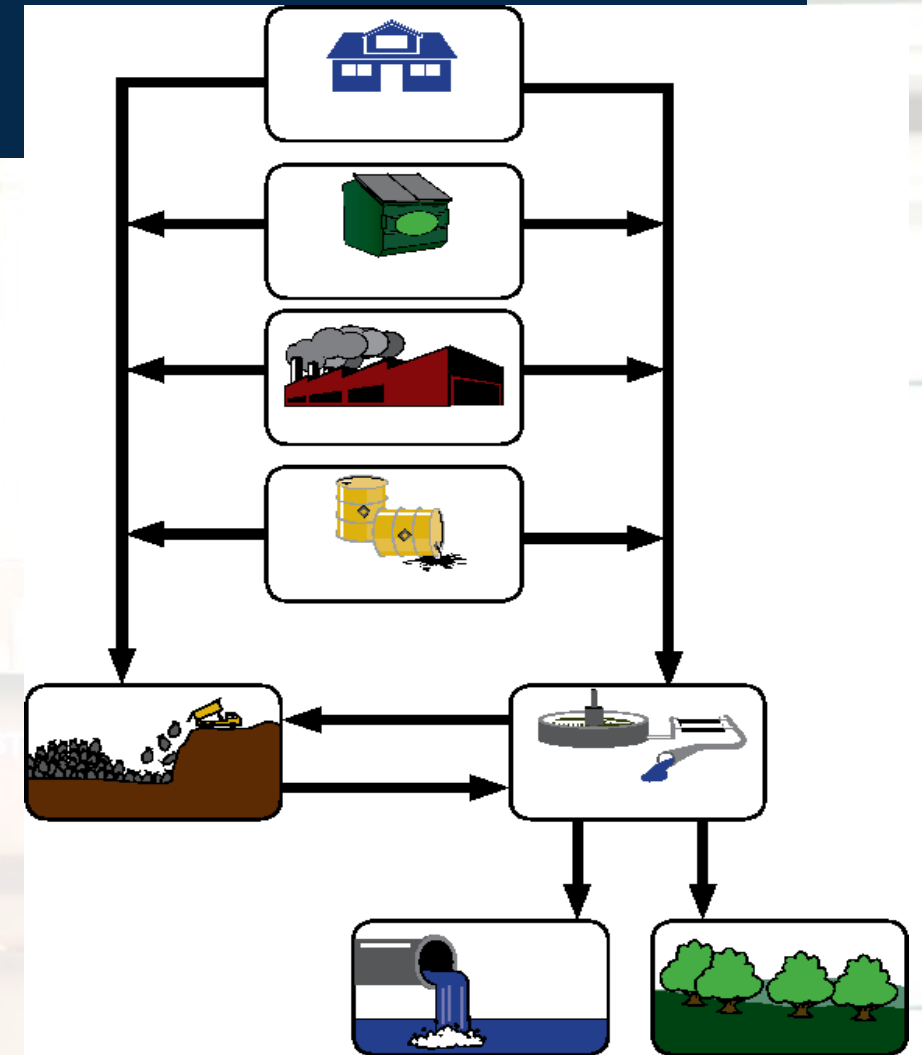


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# SW PFAS Workgroup Subcommittees

- **Leachate Treatment**
  - Understand leachate pretreatment options, financial implications of inability to treat at WWTPs
- **Solid Waste/Waste Water Coalition**
  - Form working relationship with WW industry and stay current with sampling and pretreatment requirements and activities
- **Sampling Standards and Analysis**
  - Be a part of the process for developing sampling procedures, standards and exceedence thresholds.
- **Legislative/Public Outreach**
  - Represent the interests of solid waste facilities to legislators and regulators and build a fact-based response to the growing concern around PFAS.

# Goals and Timeline

Nov 2019

- Develop and distribute SW factsheet/press release
  - Waste Systems as receivers
  - Context for regulatory standards vs levels found in our environments
  - Examples of source control legislations (bans on use, imports)

Dec 2019

- Host SW/WW Summit
  - In-person meeting for both industries to coordinate approaches

# Examples of Regulatory Collaboration

- Seek industry input
- Systems mindset when developing rules
  - Flexible timelines for SW/WW
- Collaboration or leadership on industry research