



Access federal funds to treat drinking water for PFAS

Amending statutes will allow state agencies and communities to leverage limited federal funds to remove “forever chemicals” from drinking water.

RECOMMENDATION

Update Minn. Stat. 446A.07 and Minn. Stat. 116.182 to include per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which will allow the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to use funds from the federal Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) on projects to remove PFAS from drinking water.

Challenge

The total costs for protecting drinking water from PFAS to federal standards will exceed \$1 billion in Minnesota, including drinking water treatment, investigation, and remedial actions to address the PFAS contamination. \$17 million from the IIJA would help with these expenses but is unavailable for PFAS projects without this statutory change.

Why it's important

While Minnesota prioritizes PFAS pollution prevention, existing PFAS pollution must be managed and cleaned up when necessary to protect human health and the environment. Accessing these federal funds will help with this important work.

Who is impacted

About 20 community water supplies in Minnesota need to reduce PFAS levels and would benefit from the availability of these funds.



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