

WisPAC Meeting

January 16, 2020



Agenda



- **DNR – 1 hour**
 - Welcome
 - Approve Charter & Ground Rules
 - Action Plan Outline & Timeline
 - Advisory Groups
- **DHS presentation on public health – 30 minutes**
 - Chuck Warzecha
- **State Lab of Hygiene presentation on air deposition – 15 minutes**
 - David Webb
- **DNR Update: Fire Department Survey and PFAS Rulemaking for Groundwater, Drinking Water and Water Quality Standards**
 - DNR
- **Citizen Input – 10 minutes**

TOPIC 2: s: Do you Approve the Charter and Ground Rules?



- Sent to members prior to meeting
- Any corrections?

WisPAC Charter and Ground Rules

Project: Wisconsin Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Council (WisPAC)

Purpose: Create a PFAS coordinating council (hereafter known as WisPAC) of state agencies to implement Governor Evers' [Executive Order #40](#): Relating to the Public Health Risk from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Coordinating Council. The charge of the group is to develop and implement a PFAS action plan to address the public health, safety, welfare and environmental threats posed by certain PFAS discharged in the environment.

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals that have been manufactured and used worldwide since the 1940s. They are widely found in products such as stain-resistant carpets, food packaging, non-stick cookware, personal care products, certain firefighting foams and other consumer products. Certain PFAS compounds pose human health concerns, such as cancer, adverse developmental effects in children, and adverse effects on liver, thyroid and immune functions.

Charge to WisPAC: WisPAC will be staffed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with assistance from other state agencies. The Secretary of the DNR or designee shall serve as the chair of WisPAC. WisPAC will coordinate PFAS-related activities among state agencies and provide a plan of action for the state.

WisPAC may establish advisory workgroups composed of individuals, associations, local governments or other members of the public as deemed necessary to assist WisPAC in developing the PFAS action plan and performing its other duties and responsibilities. WisPAC may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by an advisory workgroup. The public will be provided the opportunity to speak at the designated public comment time noted on the WisPAC agenda. WisPAC may elect to have a member of the public make a presentation to WisPAC.

WisPAC, at a minimum, will:

- Develop a PFAS action plan for the State of Wisconsin no later than June 30, 2020.
- Develop protocols to effectively inform, educate and engage the public about PFAS.
- Identify and prioritize likely known PFAS sources and incorporate this information into the PFAS action plan.
- Evaluate the public health risks of PFAS in addition to any impacts to Wisconsin's natural resources, agriculture, wildlife, and fisheries.
- Develop best practices and protocols for identifying PFAS sources to ensure that the materials are managed in a way that protects natural resources and human health.
- In partnership with stakeholders, develop standard testing and treatment protocols that are both cost-efficient and effective.
- Engage academic institutions and experts to identify and collaborate on joint projects, and further identify technical resources necessary to implement a PFAS action plan.
- Explore avenues of funding for the state, local governments and private parties to aid their effort to address PFAS.

Team Members: The following state agencies and state personnel will be members of WisPAC:

Agency	Member Name
DNR (Chair)	Secretary-designee Preston Cole; Designees: Darsi Foss & Eric Ebersberger
DATCP	Sara Walling, Division Administrator – Agricultural Resource Management
DHS	Chuck Warczecha, Deputy Division Administrator – Public Health
DMA	Col. Kevin Philpot, Chief of Staff; Alternate: Mike Hinman, Executive Assistant
DVA	Mary Kolar, Secretary
WSLH	James J. Schauer, PhD, Director – Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene; Alternate: David Web, Assistant Director
DOJ	Brad Mottl, Assistant Attorney General
DOT	Patricia Trainer, Section Chief – Environmental Services Section; Alternate: Robert Pearson, Hydrogeologist
UW System	Professor Christina Remucal – College of Engineering
DPI	Victoria Rydberg – Environmental Education Consultant
DOR	John Dickert, Division Administrator – State and Local Finance
PSC	Denise Schmidt, Division Administrator – Water Utility Regulation and Analysis
DOC	Steve Krallis, Director – Bureau of Budget and Facilities Management
DOA	Mike Friis, Leader – Resource Policy Team
DSPS	Bradly Johnson, Section Chief – Division of Industry Services
Office of COI	Olivia Hwang, Director of Public Affairs
DCF	Dianne Jenkins, Executive Policy Advisor

Additional Activities:

- Develop routine communication and information sharing protocols between all members and stakeholders.
- Perform outreach to ensure the general public is informed about PFAS contamination and the work of WisPAC.
- Create measurable goals and objectives along an established timeline.
- Recommend, as needed, changes in Wisconsin law.
- Perform other duties as requested by the governor.

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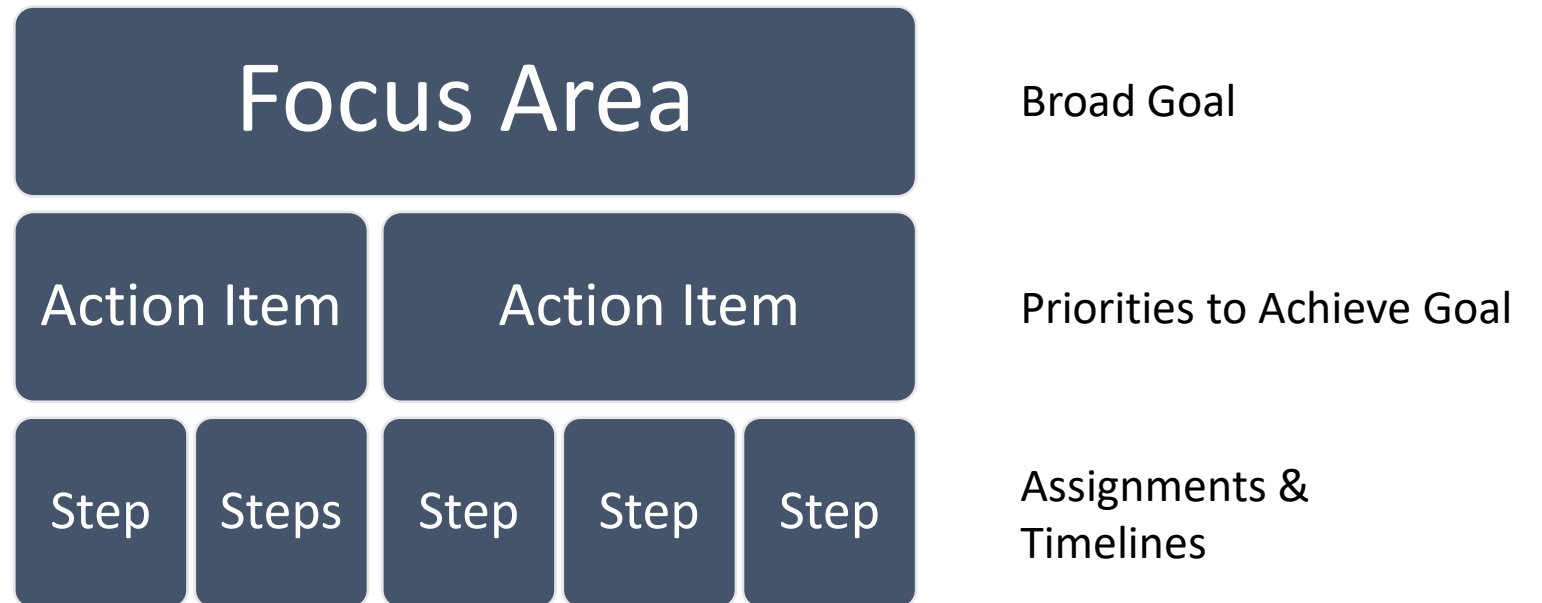
TOPIC 3: Do you approve suggested action plan, schedule and focus areas?



1. Do task force members approve action plan outline and schedule for completing action plan?
2. Do task force members approve the four proposed, PFAS focus areas?
3. Do you agree with plan to obtain input on PFAS action plan?
4. Do task force members understand homework assignment due prior to next WisPAC meeting in February

Action Plan Outline: Organizing Principles

- Action plan will provide roadmap for next four years, but expect updates
- Formal check-ins semi-annually once in place
- Proposed Action Plan framework 



Action Plan Outline: 4 Proposed Focus Areas

1



Preventing
Future
Discharges and
Exposures

2



Minimizing
Current PFAS
Exposures

3



Addressing
Historic or
Legacy PFAS
Discharges and
Exposures

4



Educating and
Communicating
About the Risks
Associated With
PFAS

Action Plan Outline: Focus Area -> Action Item & Steps

2



Minimizing
Current PFAS
Exposures



Action Item

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

WisPAC Members: Do you approve the Focus Areas and proposed general framework?

1



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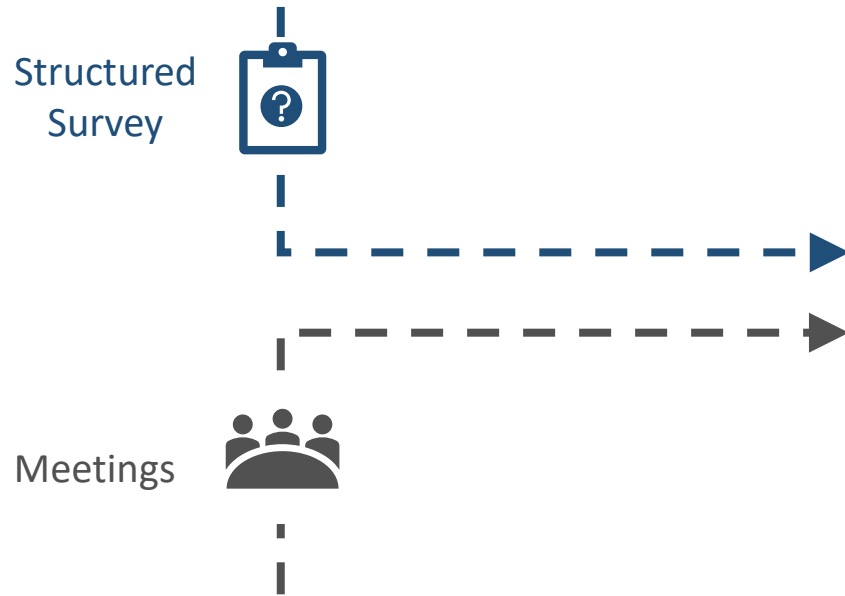


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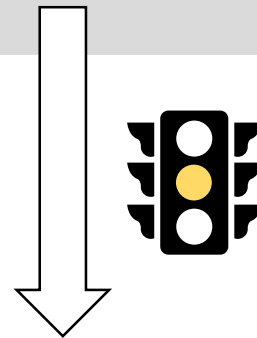
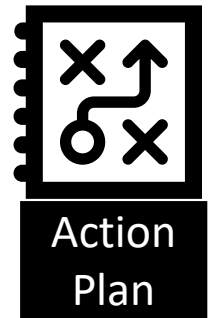
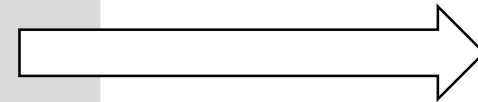
Developing the Action Plan: Do you agree with opportunities to receive state agency and public input?



💡 General Public



“Green lit” ideas for implementation



“Parking lot” ideas for future consideration

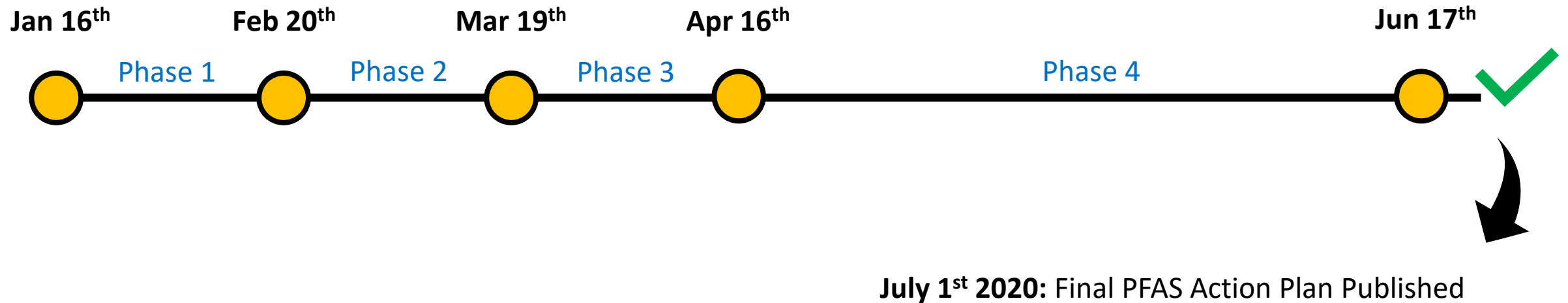
💡 PFAS Advisory Groups

- Local Government
- Citizen

Developing the Action Plan: Do you agree with timeline?

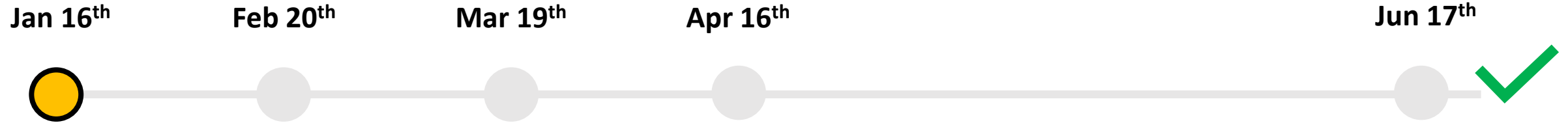



(see handout: **Proposed Timeline & Steps for Developing the PFAS Action Plan**)



July 1st 2020: Final PFAS Action Plan Published

Developing the Action Plan: Timeline

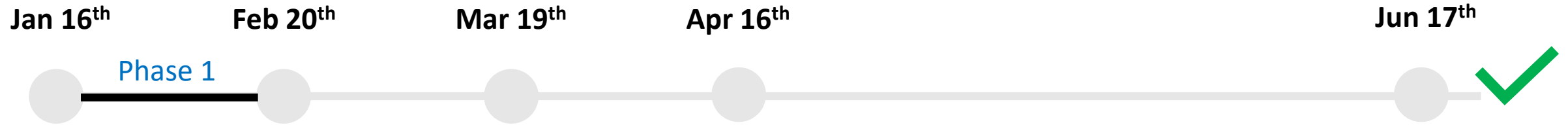


 January 16th Meeting

Desired Outcomes

- Approve WisPAC Charter and Ground Rules
- Review and approve PFAS Action Plan Focus Areas
- Review and provide feedback on Action Plan timeline and steps
- Review and approve Advisory Groups incl. leadership and staffing

Developing the Action Plan: Timeline



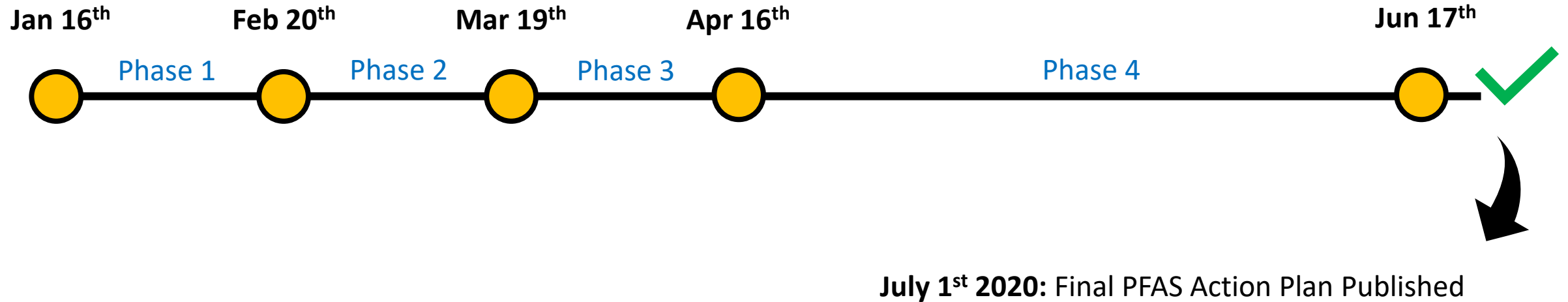
Phase 1

Gather ideas/recommendations for Action Plan

Desired Outcomes:

- WisPAC members work within agencies to gather ideas for Action Plan
- Advisory Groups convene and meet to gather ideas for Action Plan
- Launch survey to public

Developing the Action Plan: Timeline



WisPAC Members: Do you approve the proposed steps and timeline?

Initial Call for State Agency Ideas



- Organized by four Focus Areas:
 - What is your agency currently doing?
 - What would/should/could your agency be doing?
 - Recommendations for what the state should be doing?
- Online survey (SurveyMonkey) to be used to collect state ideas
- Initial recommendations due by COB Thursday February 6th



What WisPAC members can expect in the survey



1. Identify the primary Focus Area



2. Describe the recommended action (brief overview of issue/recommendation)

What is the problem or issue?

What is the recommended action and how it will address identified problem?

Proposed Lead Agency or Group? Other parties?

What type of change?

Financial? Legislative? Administrative? Information Technology? Other?

What is the anticipated timeframe?

Underway? 3-6 months? 6-12 months? 12+ months?

What you can expect in the survey



Basic Example

1. Identify the primary Focus Area
Focus Area 2: Minimizing Current PFAS Exposures
2. Describe the recommended action:

What is the problem or issue? We don't know the amount of PFAS-containing fire-fighting foam in our local fire department that may not be needed or has expired.

What is the recommended action and how it will address identified problem? Recommend survey of fire departments. The state can collect the information we need to better understand the current level of excess PFAS fire-fighting foam across the entire state. Help determine costs of any state-sponsored clean sweep for AFFF.

Proposed Lead Agency or Group? Other parties? DNR, with local fire associations and UW.

What type of change? Primary changes are Financial and Administrative

What is the anticipated timeframe? Anticipated start June 2020



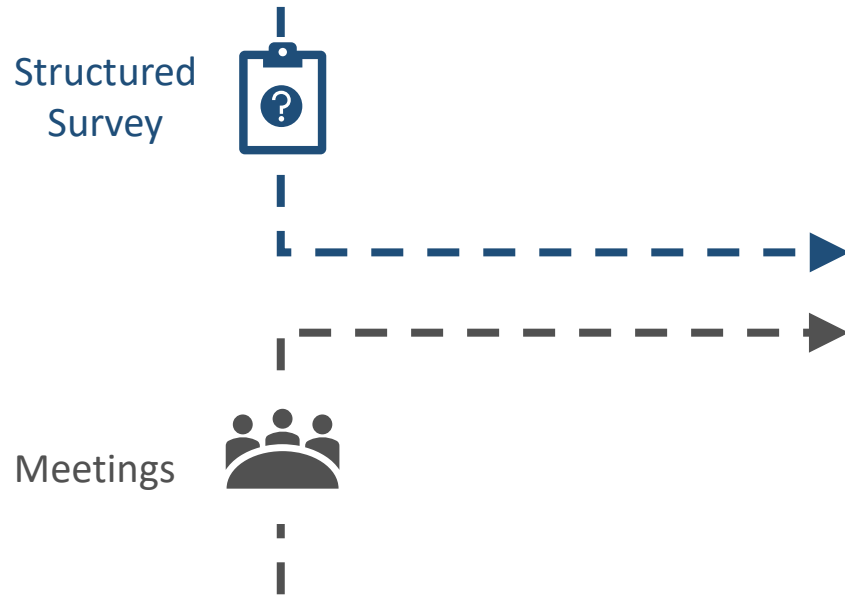
Citizen Involvement

Two methods to solicit public input in state PFAS action plan and state implementation initiatives.

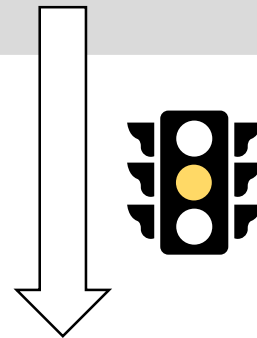
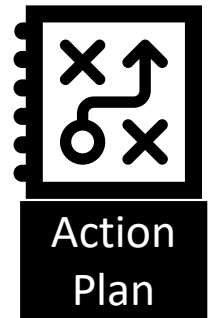
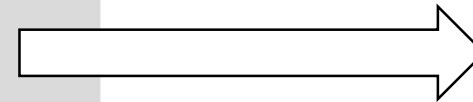
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💡 PFAS Advisory Groups

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PFAS Action Plan Advisory Groups: Citizen Involvement



DNR is proposing two advisory groups to assist WisPAC:

- 1. Citizen/Public Policy PFAS advisory group – 2 external co-chairs**
- 2. Local government PFAS advisory group – 2 external co-chairs**

- Initial meetings held to facilitate input into the Action Plan
- Ongoing involvement over plan implementation as conduit for public input
- No formal members – open meetings
- Meetings to solicit action plan items in February and March

WisPAC Members: Do you approve the advisory group proposal and co-chairs?



PFAS Action Plan: Other Method for Citizen Involvement



- Development and deployment of on-line input form for citizens
- Organized by four Focus Areas:
 - What is your agency currently doing?
 - What would/should/could your agency be doing?
 - Recommendations for what the state should be doing?
- Online survey (SurveyMonkey) to be used to collect citizen ideas

WisPAC Members: Do you approve the on-line citizen input system as described?



Purpose

<p>● January 16th, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve <u>WisPAC</u> Charter and Ground Rules • Review and approve PFAS Action Plan Focus Areas • Review and provide feedback on Action Plan timeline and steps • Review and approve Advisory Groups incl. leadership and staffing
<p>Phase 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> members work within agencies to gather ideas for Action Plan • DNR Launches survey to public • Advisory Groups convene and solicit ideas from public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Local Government Advisory Group: 2/XX/2020 – 9:00am to 12:00pm → Citizen/Policy Advisory Group: 2/XX/2020 – 1:00pm to 4:00pm
<p>● February 20th, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> members' ideas discussed • Review ideas from Advisory groups • Calibration discussion on scope and scale of ideas received to date
<p>Phase 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> and Advisory Group ideas developed into proposals • Advisory Groups convene and meet to gather/refine ideas for Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Citizen/Policy Advisory Group: 3/XX/2020 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm → Local Government Advisory Group: 3/XX/2020 – 10:00 to 12:00pm
<p>● March 19th, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> members review all proposals • Review and consider public input for any additional actions
<p>Phase 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> members vote on advancing proposals to plan or not • Joint Advisory Groups meeting – final revisions to recommendations & priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 04/XX/2020 – 10:00am to 3:00pm
<p>● April 16th, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> approves Draft Action Plan for public comment • Approves Communication and Roll Out Plan
<p>Phase 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final edits made to draft plan (as necessary) • Initiate public comment period on draft plan (April 27 to May 15) • <u>WisPAC</u> consideration of public comments (May 15 to June 7) • Final draft of plan to <u>WisPAC</u> members and public (June 10)
<p>● June 17th, 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WisPAC</u> approves final Action Plan • Confirm assignments for implementation • Send final plan to Governor and Legislature
<p>July 1st 2020</p>	<p>✓ Final PFAS Action Plan Published</p>

Do WisPAC members agree with this general process and timeline for citizen involvement?



Dept. of Health Services: PFAS
and Public Health
(Chuck Warzecha)



State Lab of Hygiene:
National PFAS Air Deposition Study
(David Webb)



Fire Department Survey & PFAS Rulemaking for Groundwater Drinking Water and Water Quality Standards (DNR)



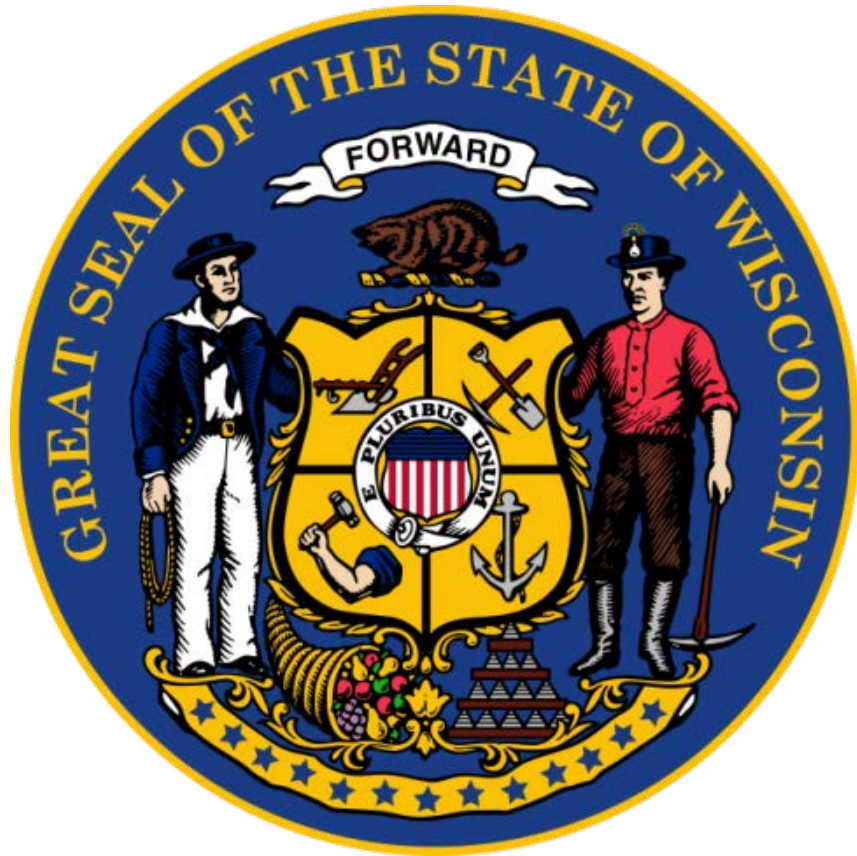


Public Comment Opportunity

Public welcome to provide suggestions,
information or other input to WisPAC

Each person will be limited to **3 minutes** to
allow others time with WisPAC

Written submissions welcome



Adjourned:
Please join us on
February 20, 2020

Check web site for upcoming citizen
advisory group meetings:
[https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/contaminants
/wispac.html](https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/contaminants/wispac.html)