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PFAS Regulatory Update October 2019

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On September 27, 2019 in Washington, DC USEPA Administrator Mr. Andrew Wheeler and other distinguished guests discussed the current PFAS regulatory policies at the PFAS Regulatory Policy Symposium.

Three key points made by Mr. Wheeler's concerns regarding the Bills in Congress are:

1. Good science should supersede making regulatory policy. Many of the Bills in Congress would not have this result. Mr. Wheeler indicated that the drinking water Health Advisory Limit of 70 ppt for PFOA/PFOS was protective based upon current science.
2. Grouping or combining PFAS is not practical as the individual PFAS may seem similar but they are actually different and very unique. Therefore, compound specific science needs to be the best course.
3. Making all PFAS a hazardous substance would not be in the best interest for the public. Individual PFAS may need to be determined to be hazardous substances. By making an individual PFAS a hazardous substance it would open up enforcement through CERCLA and release Superfund dollars. The USEPA PFAS Plan is being implemented and it incorporates multiple departments working for the same goal. The process works, it just takes time.

There are approximately 30 PFAS bills currently under consideration in Congress, click [here](#) for a list of pending legislation.

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