


**Drinking Water Services  
Spring Training**

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**Outline**

- Program Update
  - Budget update
  - Federal update
  - Planned Rulemakings
  - PFAS update
  - Wildfire Recovery
- 2021 Program Priorities



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**Budget Updates--DWS**

Annual Fee collection


- 2020 collections strong, despite pandemic, recession, wildfires
- 98% of amount invoiced was paid
- 2021 invoices sent to all PWSs mid-May

PE 50 Funding allocation

- Flat 20% increase in Partner funding in 2020
- Still need to improve equity in PE50 allocation to reflect inventory
- Plan to phase in adjustments in FY23 and FY24-25 biennium



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## Federal Updates



- Revised Lead and Copper Rule
  - Final Rule published Jan 16, 2021 but on hold pending review
  - Lead service line inventory will be required, both public and private side. Not due until 2023, but many questions now...
- Biden Administration infrastructure bill, drinking water investments proposed:
  - Funding for lead service line replacement
  - Funding for PFAS sampling, remediation
  - Increased funding for DWSRF

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## DWS Rulemaking updates

Oregon Health Authority  
Public Health Division - Chapter 333  
Division 61  
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Completed rulemaking:

- Op Cert. Small Water System operator testing
  - Rule change required by EPA
  - Small system operator test required effective Aug 2022
  - Small system operator test under development

Current rulemakings:

- Separate Non-EPA/State Regulated system rules.
- Update Emergency Response Plan requirements.
- Other miscellaneous corrections/clarifications.

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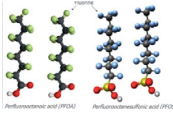
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## PFAS updates



OHA/DEQ PFAS Screening project:


- Identify and map potential PFAS sources
- Develop State PFAS Health Advisory Levels.
- Targeted sampling of select PWSs this summer/fall

Comparison of Proposed OR PFAS Health Advisory Levels

(parts per trillion)

	Oregon	EPA	CA	WA	MI	MN
PFOA	35	70	10	10	9	35
PFOS	45	70	40	15	8	15
PFHxS	55			70	84	47
PFNA	35			14	9	

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**Wildfire Recovery—status**



- Housing is the key issue and recovery is slow
- Potable Water Resources Task Force
  - Support PWS VOC sampling program and domestic well sampling
  - Identify unmet drinking water needs
  - Coordinate with other Wildfire Recovery Functions
- Post-fire VOC sampling—In progress
  - DWS requires sampling at burned connections before restoring service, must be < MCL for benzene
  - 19 systems high priority for sampling;
    - 5 systems with detections > MCL at burned connection/property
    - Contaminated service lines will need to be replaced
  - Wildfire VOC data available at <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/index.html>

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**Program priorities for 2021**



- Supporting wildfire recovery
- Cyanotoxin monitoring season (May-Oct)
- Targeted PFAS sampling project
- Rule revisions
- Electronic Data and Document Management
- Contributing to OHA goal of eliminating health inequity by 2030:
  - Identify areas facing drinking water insecurity
  - Reasonable regulation
  - Technical and financial assistance
  - Encouraging consolidation/regionalization

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