



**OC SAN**  
ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

# FEDERAL UPDATE

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# ISSUES

**Legislative Priorities:**  
Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, Clean Water and Infrastructure, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Liability, Biosolids Management

**Executive Branch—U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Mid-Term Election Impacts—Lame Duck Session**

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# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## SECOND SESSION - 119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

- Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations and President's Budget Request USEPA Funding
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (MAHA)
- Clean Water Policy
  - State Revolving Loan Fund/Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
  - Permit Reforms
  - PFAS
  - Flushable Wipes
- PFAS Liability Exemptions
  - Water Sector

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# REGULATORY PRIORITIES

- USEPA Establishes PFAS Inter-Agency Coordinating Group
- USEPA Rewrites PFAS Rules: Litigation
- USEPA and USDA Continue Research into PFAS and Soil Health
- Draft Risk Assessment Model Review and Finalization
- Department of Health and Human Services Impacts and Focus on Make America Healthy Again
- PFAS Treatment and Disposal Survey Update
- Industrial Discharge Effluent Limitations Guidelines
- Streamline National Environmental Policy Act Studies: Expedite Projects and Limit "bites of the apple"

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# MID-TERM ELECTION POLICYMAKING CONSEQUENCES

- Limited time to move final legislation due to Mid-Term Elections
- Spring and Summer Dedicated to Developing Key Legislation in Each Chamber
- Lame Duck Highly Probable: Outcome Rests on Election Results
- Key Lame Duck Focus: Infrastructure
  - ✓ Clean Water Act
  - ✓ Water Resources Development Act
  - ✓ Transportation Reauthorization
  - ✓ Water Infrastructure Modernization Act
  - ✓ California Water
  - ✓ Disaster Assistance (FEMA) Rewrite
  - ✓ PFAS Liability

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# MID-TERM OUTLOOK

- House Majority
  - Redistricting Clouds Crystal Ball
  - OC San Delegation Largely Stable, With One Seat Undetermined
- Senate Majority in Flux
  - 50/50 Senate Potential
- Impact on Legislative Activity



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