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FEDERAL UPDATE

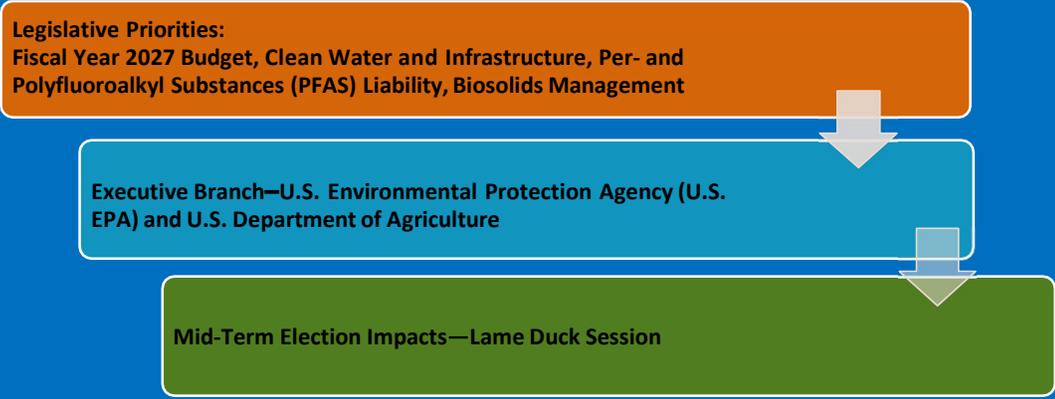
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ISSUES



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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SECOND SESSION - 119TH 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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