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ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

FEDERAL UPDATE

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ISSUES

Legislative Priorities:
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Water Infrastructure, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Liability/Biosolids Management, Permit Reforms

Regulatory—U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA):
PFAS Litigation Risk Assessment Model

Looking Ahead

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: TODAY

- ☐ Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations
 - ✓ U.S. EPA Infrastructure
 - ✓ PFAS Funding—Technologies
 - ✓ Reductions in Force—Mandate to Rehire Furloughed Workers
 - ✓ January 30, 2026 Deadline
- ☐ Water Infrastructure
 - ✓ Clean Water Act State Revolving Loan Fund/Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
 - ✓ Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPPES) Act (Flushable Wipes)
 - ✓ Permit Reforms
- ☐ PFAS
 - ☐ Hazardous Substance Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Designation Protection

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REGULATORY PRIORITIES-U.S. EPA

- ☐ Draft Risk Assessment Model Review and Finalization
 - ✓ Status: 24,000 Public Comments
 - ✓ Interim Guidance
- ☐ Treatment and Disposal Survey
- ☐ Effluent Limitations Guidelines
- ☐ Administrator Lee Zeldin and Office of Water Views Looking Forward

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LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- ❑ Appropriations
 - ✓ February – White House Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request
 - ✓ March – November Congressional Review
 - ✓ November – Continuing Resolution
- ❑ PFAS Liability Protections
- ❑ WIPPES Act
- ❑ 10 Year National Permit Discharge Elimination Terms
- ❑ Water Infrastructure
 - ✓ Clean Water Act
 - ✓ Water Infrastructure Modernization Act
 - ✓ California Water

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MID-TERM ELECTION IMPLICATIONS

- ❑ House Majority Outlook
- ❑ Senate Majority Outlook
- ❑ Redistricting Impacts on OC San
- ❑ Impact on Legislative Activity



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