# NSC Technical Subcommittee Call Minutes – July 18, 2023

**Participation [by region]:**

3: Luke Hershey & Jeremy Hancher – **PA**

4: Crystal Warren – **TN**; Griffin Jones – **FL**; Sherry Waldron – **GA**; Tony Pendola - **NC** and LaTrina Williams – **MS**

5: Kaitlyn Devries – **MI**; Emily Ohde & Jennifer Theodore – **MN**;Lisa Ashenbrenner-Hunt, Jennifer Feyerherm & Renee Bashel - **WI** and Hani Sharaya & Mark Stoddard – **IN**

7: Leena Divakar & Allison Crowther – **KS**; Jennifer Wittenburg, Jason Clay & Jordan Burrows - **IA** and Bob Randolph - **MO**

8: Michael Gustafson – **MT** and Eleanor Divver - **UT**

9: Sydney Boogaard - **AZ**

**Presenter:** Jodie N. Opie, US EPA Region 5 Water Division

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| **Tech-Subcommittee:** [**https://nationalsbeap.org/sbeap/resources/subcommittees/technical**](https://nationalsbeap.org/sbeap/resources/subcommittees/technical)  ***\*\* This presentation was recorded and will be posted on the National SBEAP YouTube channel at*** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5PupYpZ1W6IG8CtzCINK8Q> ***\*\****  **Discussion Regarding Recent Industrial Effluent Guidelines Revisions Due to PFAS**  Jodie N. Opie, US EPA Region 5 Water Division  Effluent Guidelinesare national regulatory standards for wastewater discharged to surface waters and municipal sewage treatment plants. EPA issues these regulations for industrial categories, based on the performance of treatment and control technologies.  EPA continues to focus on assessing opportunities to limit per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) discharges from multiple industrial categories, as outlined in the 2021 PFAS Strategic Roadmap. This presentation will discuss those categories and the associated rulemakings which includes metal finishing and organic chemicals, plastics & synthetic fibers - <https://www.epa.gov/eg/industrial-effluent-guidelines>.  **Jodie Opie**  US EPA Region 5  Permits Branch & Water Sector Security  Water Division  (312) 353-1938  [Opie.Jodie@epa.gov](mailto:Opie.Jodie@epa.gov)  Jodie serves as an Environmental Engineer for the EPA Region 5 Water Division reviewing state NPDES permits for wastewater treatment plants and has done so since March 2008. She also serves as an Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator contact for the Permits branch and is the wastewater security lead for the Water Division.  Previous work experience includes serving briefly as an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit writer and a senior enforcement specialist for the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Water Bureau. Most of the 11 years spent as a specialist focused on upholding the state and federal pollution regulations.  She specialized in sanitary sewer overflow enforcement cases, coordinating and settling 60 plus cases with municipalities statewide. Prior to her work for the MDEQ she worked for various civil engineering consulting firms.  She holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University.  **Chat questions answered during the presentation**  Is it known yet how the costs of the pfas effluent lab tests compare to the usual tests experienced by industrial dischargers?  As EPA is planning for effluent monitoring for POTW, what are the plans for sludge management.  Regarding air, is there an estimated date on when PFAS will be considered a HAP or not?  **Future topics:**   * **August 15:** New emission reduction techniques & harmonization of 40 CFR 60, Subpart MMa & the ALDT (Automobile & Light Duty Truck) NESHAP, Paula Hirtz, EPA * **September 19:** An Overview of ‘PFAS in the Metal Plating and Finishing Industry,’ December 2022, Maya Gilchrist, MPCA * **October 17:** ECHO Notify & Climate and the Economic Justice Screening Tool, Tony Pendola, NC & Leena Divakar, KSU * **November 21 or possible October 17:** Solar Panel Recycling, Donovan Grimwood, TN * **December 19:** TBD – possibly cancel due to the holidays. * **January 16, 2024**   **Next Call: August 15, 2023**  1 pm CDT (2 pm EDT) (3rd Tuesday of month) |