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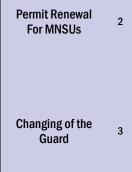
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# Down the Pipeline

# **Future Regulatory Changes**

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It is prudent to begin assessing where the PFAS debate is headed nationally, as well as locally. As EPA continues to study sampling/testing methodologies that provide consistent results, we are inching ever closer to some type of criteria that can be applied to wastewater and drinking water.

Obviously, drinking water is getting all of the initial attention and effort. But wastewater is not very far behind. Some states have already jumped to issuing water criteria for maximum concentrations of these compounds. Virginia is taking a more measured approach by seeking to find solid data to base our water criteria upon.

As with PCBs there will undoubtedly be pollutant minimization plans to locate and minimize any legacy sources discovered.

Another regulatory change could come as a result of our current pandemic. Research has been ongoing in testing wastewater of communities for the presence of the virus proteins in order to determine the extent of its spread. This could result in an early warning system for the medical community regarding either increasing cases or decreasing cases. We shall have to wait and see.

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

For any of you wondering, all program required submissions are to continue. From this point forward, if required, all quarterly and monthly submissions will be expected to happen as stipulated in your permit. Inspections have been scheduled and in December you will have Permit/Records Audits performed just as in prior years. Please review your files to make sure everything is fine.

## PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ALL MNSUs



I am using this newsletter to inform you of the necessity on your part to reapply for your discharge Permit before your current one expires this April.

You shall be receiving a paper application that you must fill out as completely as you are able. This is a much longer form than used in the past . It is necessary In order that Carissa will have as much information as she needs in order to draft and reissue your new Permit this April.

Do not despair at its length! Use your last application to supply information on this one. If you have lab data please enter it in carefully. There will be an instruction sheet included with the form.

Make sure to supply current phone numbers, addresses, PO Box numbers, and email addresses for your contact person and plant manager/owner.

Blueprints are not required of any of you, just make sure that any changes in what drains to the sewer is reported to us on this form now.

If you are planning any expansions of structure or workforce please report that on this form.

As Carissa and I come around and visit each of you in the coming days we will be bringing you your copy of the application. Carissa must have completed applications in her possession no later than January 31, 2021. She will require all of the remaining time to review your applications and reissue your Permits with any changes that are required.

Late submissions will be treated as violations of the terms of your current Permit and NOVs will be given.







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## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

As we reach the end of October, it is time for a change in pretreatment. I will officially be retired on October 31 and there will be a new person stepping into the position of Pretreatment Coordinator. Her name is Carissa Sellick. Some of you have had opportunity to get to know her as she worked with me from time to time over the past two years.

I must say that I have en-

joyed working with all of you over the past fourteen years and will miss you.

I simply ask that you continue to work with her as you have with me. We are hoping that this will be as seamless a transition as possible since we are coming rapidly to the end of the current calendar year.

Carissa will be in contact with you beginning November 2.

