



## **MDE Proposes PFAS Monitoring in Discharge Permits October 2022**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is moving forward to include PFAS testing in wastewater treatment plant discharge permits. As an initial step, MDE identified 15 plants as the first to conduct PFAS testing, based on a review of non-domestic PFAS sources in their collection systems. MDE has proposed different permit text for facilities that have not yet conducted an initial evaluation study and for those who have. Under either approach, if MDE determines that the permittee has PFAS levels of concern, MDE will be looking for the permittee to develop a tracking and mitigation plan.

MAMWA is actively engaged with MDE on this important issue and will continue to report back to Members as events warrant.