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Joint WAC/WSCAC Meeting Waterworks Museum 2450 Beacon St. Chestnut Hill Tuesday, October 15, 2019 *10:30 AM* (617) 277-6005

Introduction-WAC Chair

- I. WSCAC Announcements: Voting of June & September 2019 Meeting Summaries
- II. WAC Announcements
- III. FEATURED PRESENTATION Mark Smith, MassDEP's Office of Research & Standards, Steve Rhode, MWRA Lab Director, and Rep. Kate Hogan, 3rd Middlesex District, discussing PFAS.

Hogan has co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Jennifer Benson, D-Lunenburg, and Sen. Julian Cyr, D-Truro, and it is supported by leading environmental organizations from across the state, including OARS, the Conservation Law Foundation, and Mass Audubon.

One of the chief provisions of the bill is the convening of experts working on PFAS across state government -- from environmental and agricultural scientists to public health and emergency response officials – to lay the foundation for best practices in testing, treatment, and resource-sharing. Complementing this legislative effort, the supplemental budget bill filed by Gov. Charlie Baker contained key funding provisions for PFAS testing and mitigation as part of \$60 million in investments related to clean drinking water. This includes \$7.4 million for statewide PFAS testing and response across public and private water sources and \$1 million in technical assistance grants to support the design of water treatment systems. The bill will also make available no-interest loans for PFAS remediation projects through targeted investments in the Clean Water Trust.

THE NOVEMBER WSCAC MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH THE MWRA
ADVISORY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2019 AT THE WELLESLEY FREE
LIBRARY

TOPIC: A Drop in the Bucket: Water Affordability Policies in 12 Massachusetts

Communities