LEGAL AND TECHNICAL STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS DISCOVERY OF PFAS AT YOUR FACILITY OCTOBER 16, 2019

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A PFAS CASE STUDY

Michigan Manufacturing Co., or MMC, is a fictional manufacturer of various metal and plastic parts for various industries at its facility in Michigan. Its operations include various plating and coating operations. MMC has been operating at this facility since 1990 when it acquired the property and building from American Field Fire Fighters ("AFFF"), a manufacturer of chemical fire suppressants. MCC is located in an industrial area that includes several other manufacturers.

MCC has an industrial discharge permit to discharge its treated waste water to a municipal POTW and an NPDES permit to discharge storm water to a surface water body. MMC also is a large quantity generator of hazardous waste.





THE BEGINNING: REQUEST FROM EGLE TO SAMPLE FOR PFAS

INITIAL ACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS TO RESPOND TO EGLE'S REQUEST:

LEGAL

TECHNICAL

FACT GATHERING



SEVERAL PFAS CONSTITUENTS DETECTED AT MMC

WHAT'S NEXT?

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION EXPOSURE/PATHWAY ANALYSIS SOURCE IDENTIFICATION EGLE ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS





FUTURE ACTIONS

REMEDIATION ISSUES

EVALUATING VIABLE REMEDIAL OPTIONS PERMIT COMPLIANCE ISSUES

COST RECOVERY/CONTRIBUTION

POTENTIAL FUTURE LIABILITY THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS OFF-SITE LIABILITY





QUESTIONS

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