Idaho Drinking Water Program Status Overview and Regulatory Updates

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Agenda

Drinking Water Program Funding and Fees

Drinking Water Program and water system support

Regulatory updates

Primacy

Final and proposed rule deadlines

Pending rules

Ongoing review

Drinking Water Program Funding

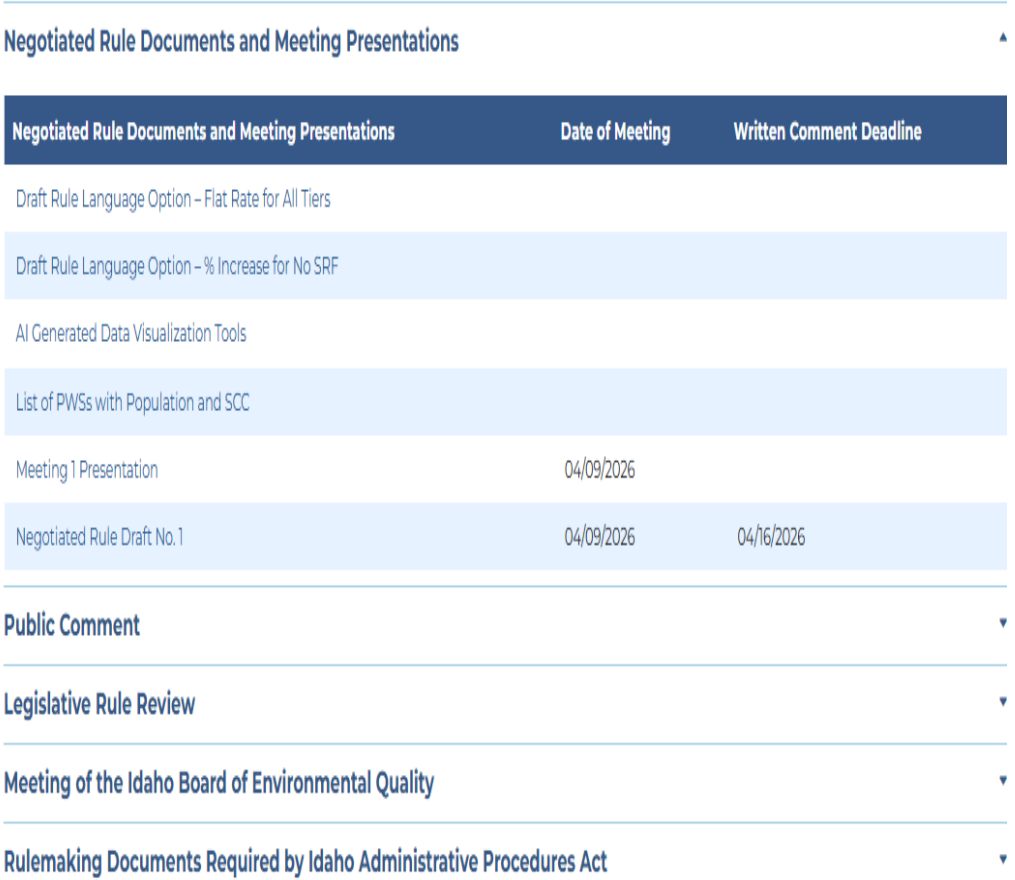
Program needs: ~$5.3M

Current funding: $1.94M fees, $1.397M PWSS Grant, $1.87M SRF Set-Asides

SFY27 funding: $1.94M fees, $1.397M PWSS Grant and $667k SRF Set-Asides - $1.2M gap

DW Fees

- Untouched since 1993
- Undergoing negotiated rulemaking
- Next meeting 5.8.2026
- Intend to replace $1.87M* in SRF set-asides
- DW Fees NRM



Negotiated Rule Documents and Meeting Presentations

Negotiated Rule Documents and Meeting Presentations	Date of Meeting	Written Comment Deadline
Draft Rule Language Option – Flat Rate for All Tiers		
Draft Rule Language Option – % Increase for No SRF		
AI Generated Data Visualization Tools		
List of PWSs with Population and SCC		
Meeting 1 Presentation	04/09/2026	
Negotiated Rule Draft No. 1	04/09/2026	04/16/2026

Public Comment

Legislative Rule Review

Meeting of the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality

Rulemaking Documents Required by Idaho Administrative Procedures Act

Program Updates

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DW Program

Workload

- Ongoing primacy activities for 2007 PWS
  - Idaho's increased population
  - Cadmus resource evaluation
- New rule implementation
  - PFAS, LCRI, CCR3
  - No new staff
- Future rules and rule revisions (perchlorate, MDBP, WSRAR)
- Roll-out of new compliance database = revamp of all existing tools

DW Program



Program Efficiencies implemented

Automation of processes

- Sampling and activity reminders
- Electronic submittals
  - Seasonal Start-up
  - Service Line inventories
- Electronic sanitary survey
- Compliance Monitoring Data Portal

DW Program – system support



Program Efficiencies in-progress

Automation of processes

- Electronic monitoring waiver
- System Specific Switchboard
- Capacity Assessments
- Single link for all submittals

DW Program – system support



- Education and training
  - Travelling workshops
    - 2023 LCRR
    - 2024 LCRR
    - 2026 LCRI, PFAS, Perchlorate
  - Conference support
  - Switchboard

DW Program – system support

- Lead and Copper rule tool kit
  - Templates
  - Forms
  - Door knockers
  - Postcards
  - LSLI informational video



Regulatory Updates

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Primacy of the Safe Drinking Water Act

Delegated Authority

- EPA sets national standards and delegates the authority to enforce.

Requirements for Primacy

- Regulations no less stringent than the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
- Procedures for enforcement, including monetary penalties and lawsuits
- Maintain PWS inventory
- Sanitary Survey program
- Review sampling data and monitoring schedules
- Review and track compliance schedules
- Have a program to certify labs and a state principal lab
- Provide technical assistance to systems and operators

PFAS in Idaho



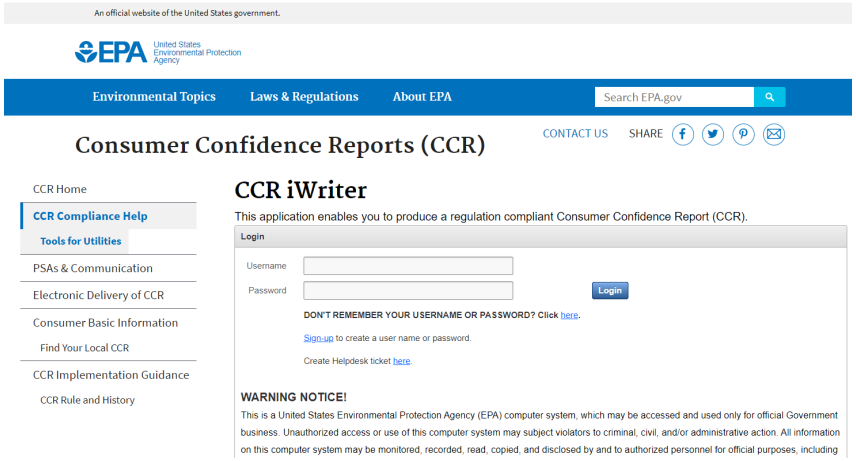
Metric	Due	Notes
Complete initial monitoring	4/26/2027	Population specific
Routine monitoring begins	4/27/2027	Based on initial monitoring
Monitoring and reporting violations attach	4/27/2027	Initial monitoring violations, then ongoing for routine FTM
MCL compliance	~~4/26/2029~~ 4/26/2031	Mitigation completed
MCL violations attach	~~4/26/2029~~ 4/26/2031	Mitigation not complete

LCRI

- Deadline 11.1.2027
  - Lowered Action Level
  - Tier 1 PN for LALE
  - Baseline inventory to include connectors
  - Annual notice of LSL, GRR or Unknowns
  - Replacement Plan and begin replacements
  - 5 Tier Sample site selection plan to include WQP sites
  - 1st and fifth liter sampling of lead service lines begins
  - School and Childcare list and sampling begins

CCR

- New requirements:
  - Report Summaries
  - OCCT efforts and access to LSLI
  - Translation assistance
  - Biannual delivery for 10k (7/1 & 12/31)
- Revised requirements:
  - Contaminant data table
  - Updates to risk communication language
  - Online posting for systems 50k or larger
  - 10 day certification to primacy agency



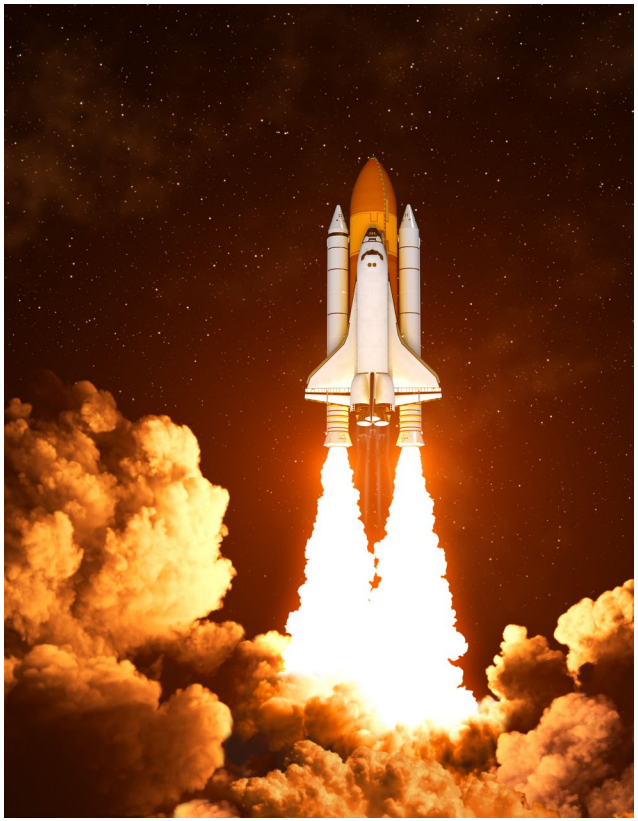
Perchlorate

1/6/2026 proposal published

5/21/2027 judicially mandated final rule

5/22/2027* Initial Monitoring begins

- 5 proposed methods
- 3 proposed MCLs
- Initial and routine monitoring



Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule

- Rule proposed 5/2024
- Pending finalization in 2028?
- Regulatory framework to better address struggling systems
- Requires PWS to perform assessment
- Incentivizes restructuring



MDBP

- Anticipated final rule 5/2028
- Candidate sections for revision:
  - Stage 1 & 2 Disinfectants and Disinfectant Byproduct Rules
  - Surface Water Treatment Rule
  - Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
  - Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

SDWA 6-year review

- Key Aspects of the Six-Year Review:
- Frequency: Every six years.
- Purpose: To assess if new information on health effects, treatment, occurrence, or exposure warrants revising existing rules to improve public health protection.
- Process: EPA gathers data, analyzes it, and makes preliminary determinations, often involving public comment.
- Outcomes: Can lead to new regulations or no changes but always initiates planning for potential future actions.

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