



Legislation and Communications Committee

Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Update

Item 6b

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Quarterly Update on Regulatory Activities

Subject

- Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Update

Purpose

- Provide update on regulatory developments that may impact Metropolitan

Next Steps

- Regulatory matrices will be updated quarterly and posted on Metropolitan's website
- Key rules will be presented at their respective committees

State and Federal Updates

State

- Drinking Water Regulatory Priorities 2026
- Advanced Clean Fleets
- Workplace Inspections (Walkaround Rule)

Federal

- Sixth Contaminant Candidate List
- Risk Management Plan

State Water Resources Control Board



Drinking Water Rulemaking Priorities 2026

- Maximum Contaminant Levels
 - PFAS, NDMA, DBPs, Styrene, Cadmium, Mercury, 1,4-Dioxane, Arsenic
- Lead and Copper Rule Revisions
- Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting
 - Metals, Organic Chemicals
- Notification and Response Levels
 - Manganese, Cyanotoxins, PFHpA

Drinking Water Program/Policy Priorities for 2026

State Water Resources Control Board



- Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook Revisions
- Environmental Laboratory Accreditation
- Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data
- Primacy Package Approvals

State Water
Resources
Control Board



Additional Drinking Water Priorities in 2026

- On-site Treated Nonpotable Water Systems Revisions
- Title 22 Recycled Water Regulations Update
- Quinquennial MCLs Review
- Financial Assurance/TMF Standards (*expanded*)



Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF)

- On April 2, 2026, CARB released the 15-day Rulemaking Package for State and Local Governments (SLG)
- Notable updates include:
 - Extends 50% ZEV purchases through end of 2029
 - Extends flexibilities to delay ZEV purchases
 - Allows operational flexibility through a new Fleet Resiliency Exemption (formerly Mutual Aid)
 - Expands exemptions for certain pickup and specialized vehicles

California
Air Resources
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Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF)

- Metropolitan submitted comments on April 17
- Metropolitan's key comments
 - Conduct biennial feasibility reviews beginning 2027
 - Expand Fleet Resiliency Exemption flexibility
 - Establish a utility working group on ZEV availability
 - Allow ZEV credits to be banked indefinitely
 - Confirm no contractor compliance responsibility
- Effective date Jan 1, 2027; pending OAL approval

California Occupational Safety & Health



Workplace Inspections (Walkaround Rule) Rulemaking

- On February 13, 2026, Cal/OSHA proposed changes to inspection procedures
- Follows federal OSHA rule effective May 31, 2024; currently in litigation
- Proposed changes
 - Expanded definition of representatives allowed during inspections
 - Sole authority given to inspectors to determine inspection participants
 - Third-party participation when deemed “reasonably necessary”

California Occupational Safety & Health



Workplace Inspections (Walkaround Rule) Rulemaking

- Staff provided comments through coalitions of trade associations
- Key comments
 - Security risks from allowing third-party access
 - Pause rulemaking until federal litigation is resolved
 - Lack of clarity and risk of arbitrary enforcement

Environmental Protection Agency



Sixth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 6)

- On April 2, 2026, EPA announced draft CCL 6
- Identifies unregulated contaminants in public water systems that require evaluation
- Key provisions
 - Identifies 75 chemicals, nine microbes, and four chemical groups (microplastics, pharmaceuticals, DBPs, and PFAS)
 - May identify at least five CCL 6 contaminants for future action
- EPA determined nine CCL 5 contaminants do not warrant regulation due to low occurrence
- Public comments are due June 5, 2026

Environmental Protection Agency



Risk Management Plan

- On February 24, 2026, EPA proposed to realign with federal OSHA's Process Safety Management standards
- Staff provided comments through AMWA and ACWA on May 11
- Key comments
 - Rescind public access to sensitive information
 - Support targeted third-party audits
 - Remove duplicative engineering and training requirements
 - Request clear compliance timeline (3 years)



Quarterly Update on Federal and State Regulatory Activities

Questions

