

# Division of Drinking Water

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UTAH DEPARTMENT of  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**DRINKING  
WATER**

# Our Mission.

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Safeguarding the quality and quantity of Utah's drinking water through balanced regulation.

99.7%

Population on PWS

1,200 Public  
Water Systems

1,300 schools to  
protect children  
from lead

# Drinking Water Legislative Study Update

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# S.B. 76 Water Amendments

## Bill Text

## Status

## Hearings/Debate

### Enrolled

S.B. 76

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### WATER AMENDMENTS

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2023 GENERAL SESSION

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STATE OF UTAH

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**Chief Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall**

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House Sponsor: Casey Snider

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill addresses coordination of planning related to water.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ provides for a study;
- 13 ▶ addresses grants for environmental improvement projects;
- 14 ▶ requires certain municipal and county planning commissions to consult with the

15 Division of Water Resources in development of general plans;

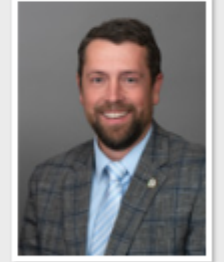
- 16 ▶ addresses consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Food;

### Bill Sponsor:



Sen. Sandall, Scott D.

### Floor Sponsor:



Rep. Snider, Casey

**Substitute Sponsor:** Rep. Snider, Casey

**Drafting Attorney:** Patricia Owen

**Fiscal Analyst:** Lacey K. Moore

### Bill Tracking

[Tracking Page](#)

### Bill Text

[Introduced](#)

[Enrolled](#) (Currently Displayed)

# Regionalization and Consolidation



## Deadline

- Report to Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee
- October 30, 2024

## Study Items

- Water use, conservation, managerial efficiencies

## Progress

- Stakeholder outreach
- Surveys (local and national)
- Drafting the report currently

# Interim Study Items





# 2024 Interim Study Items

## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

Sen. Sandall and Rep. Brooks

Study Item	Description
<b>Water</b>	Study water issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canal corridors and trails in active transportation planning</li><li>• Groundwater resources</li><li>• Need for a state riparian specialist</li><li>• Methods for measuring saved water</li><li>• Fee authority for the Division of Drinking Water</li><li>• Funding for water-related capital projects</li><li>• Development of a water database</li></ul>

# New Drinking Water Rules & Requirements

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# PFAS Rule Final – April 10, 2024

## [Safe Drinking Water Act](#)

# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

## Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

- [Summary](#)
- [Supporting Materials](#)
  - [General Information](#)
  - [Communications Toolkit](#)
  - [Technical Information](#) for States, Tribes and Water Systems
- [Regulatory Information and Supporting Documents](#)
- [Webinar Registration](#)
- [Background](#)

## Summary

On April 10, 2024, EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS. To inform the final rule, EPA evaluated over 120,000 comments submitted by the public on the rule proposal, as well as considered input received during multiple consultations and stakeholder engagement activities held both prior to and following the proposed rule. EPA expects that over many years the final rule will prevent PFAS exposure in drinking water for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 28, 2024

Dear Governor,

Thank you to your homeland security, health, and environmental officials for participating in the March 21, 2024 call regarding water system cybersecurity. As outlined in the recent letter you received from Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Jake Sullivan and U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan, your partnership is essential as we work together to address the risks that cyberattacks pose to the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems.

We have seen multiple cyber threat actors, both nation-state and criminal, target the water and wastewater sector. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Federal Bureau of Investigation, and EPA have released Cybersecurity Alerts and Advisories on the threats we face, and many states actively engage with their water sector systems to promote cybersecurity. But many water and wastewater systems continue to suffer from significant gaps in their existing cybersecurity practices that leave them vulnerable to potentially disabling attacks. As a result, the cyber threat continues to present an imminent and substantial risk.



# State Cybersecurity Plans

- States to prepare an action plan
- Plan to mitigate the most significant vulnerabilities in water & wastewater
- 90 days (June 28, 2024)



50 years of the  
**Safe  
Drinking  
Water Act**

December 16, 1974



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