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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND EMERGING RISKS (SCHEER)

Request for a scientific opinion on an (environmental) quality standard for PFAS Total in surface and groundwater under the Water Framework Directive

Commission Department requesting the Opinion: Directorate-General for Environment, Unit C1

1. Background

The general background is the same as in the mandate sent on 24 February 2021, since it also relates to setting environmental quality standards under Article 16 of the Water Framework Directive (WFD, 2000/60/EC).

One of the environmental quality standards (EQS) which the SCHEER was asked to review in 2021 concerned the sum of 24 PFAS.

As explained in the Appendix to this request, the sub-group of experts nominated by the Working Group (WG) Chemicals under the Common Implementation Strategy for the WFD has now also worked on an (E)QS for PFAS Total in surface and groundwater.

2. Terms of reference

DG Environment therefore now seeks the opinion of the SCHEER on the draft (E)QS for PFAS Total. Explanation and specific questions are presented in Appendix 1, and the draft dossier.

Deadline

Preliminary opinion March 2025

Final opinion June 2025

3. Supporting documents

Appendix - Explanation and specific questions, and PFAS Total (E)QS dossier.

→ The SCHEER approved this mandate during Plenary meeting on 23 October 2024.