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Jason Brune, commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation:

“This individual is entitled to her opinion. However, she does not speak for DEC nor for the Administration. Multiple State of Alaska agencies were involved in the April decision regarding where to set the State’s interim action levels, and we ultimately decided to defer to the EPA’s Lifetime Healthy Advisory Level for drinking water. The science on PFAS is evolving and the EPA has recently published a plan that will lead to consistent guidelines and certainty for states that are dealing with this emerging issue. While most states have not adopted regulations specific to PFAS cleanup levels, Alaska’s 2016 regulations remain on the books and set cleanup limits for groundwater and soil to protect human health. We will be closely monitoring the EPA’s progress on this issue and the emerging science, and if necessary we will adjust our course.”