

RELEASE: Legislation Enforcing Removal of PFAS Contaminants at Coakley Landfill Becomes Law

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, Governor Sununu signed [HB 494](#), enforcing the removal of contaminants from Coakley Landfill superfund site. **Representative Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)**, prime sponsor of the bill, released the following statement:

“Ensuring clean-up of the undeniably hazardous situation at Coakley Landfill has been a priority for many of us in the legislature for several years. The lives of Granite State families are invaluable, and it is imperative that we continue to advocate protecting people above private-entity interest. Granite Staters deserve to feel safe consuming and bathing in their own water, and it is our obligation to work to rectify the danger that contamination at Coakley Landfill presents. Studies released as recently as this year present evidence that links PFAS with a range of different cancers as well as correlates babies consuming breastmilk from mothers exposed to PFAS with long-term neurological health deficit.”

“Noting the strictest drinking water quality standards in the nation set by DES last month, it is clear that New Hampshire environmental experts recognize the critical danger that PFAS contamination presents to our state. HB 494 will ensure that the clean-up of Coakley Landfill becomes a reality and that Granite Staters can soon feel confident that their drinking water is safe, and that their health is prioritized. I thank

the Governor for his signature today.”

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