PFAS/Arkansas Natural Resources Commission: Arkansas Advocate Article Notes Approval of $1.8 Million Grant for Surface Water Testing

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The publication Arkansas Advocate noted in a May 21st article that the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission ("ANRC"):

…approved a $1.8 million grant Wednesday to test surface waters for PFAS, the first known statewide effort to catalogue potential contamination from these "forever chemicals."

The article is authored by Arkansas Advocate reporter Ainsley Platt.

The article further notes that the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality will use the funds to test surface waters for contamination.

Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment spokesperson Melony Martinez is quoted as stating that a pilot project will use a "phased approach to evaluate potential sources of PFAS" along with how it enters state waters.

An Arkansas Governor's Office news release states that the ANRC also approved $13,680,374.00 in financial assistance for water and wastewater projects for twelve entities.

A link to the Arkansas Advocate article and a copy of the Arkansas Governor's Office news release that identifies the various projects can be downloaded here.