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PFAS in drinking water to be limited

Policy change made by Biden administration to impose strict standards

By Michael Hawthorne

Chicago Tribune

Following through on a campaign promise, President Joe Biden's administration is limiting toxic forever chemicals in drinking water for the first time, a sweeping policy change intended to protect Americans from widespread threats to human health and the environment.

New regulations to be announced Wednesday will require every U.S. water utility to begin routinely testing for several of the chemicals. Any that exceed federal limits will get five years to overhaul their treatment plants to reduce, if not eliminate, alarming concentrations of the compounds in tap water.

More than 100 million Americans are expected to benefit, including at least 660,000 in Illinois who get their drinking water from a utility that violates the new standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS.

In 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared there effectively is no safe level of exposure to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), used by 3M for decades to make Scotchgard stain repellent, or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), sold to DuPont by 3M to manufacture Teflon coatings for cookware, clothing and

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Candidates eye spots on Local School Councils

Voting this week will cover more than 600 public schools in city

By Alysa Guffey and Zareen Syed

Chicago Tribune

The primary election may be over, but voting season is still underway, as this week communities across Chicago Public Schools will vote on who will oversee academic and social initiatives within the walls of their school.

Local School Councils exist at each of the more than 600 public schools spanning all 77 neighborhoods of Chicago, and operate independently of the district administration, the school board and other schools. They were created in part to give Chicago parents more control over what happens at their children's schools.

LSCs are made up of students, parents, teachers and community representatives. The power of LSCs varies from school to school, which can create confusion and disengagement within communities. At some schools, they deliver critical input around the school's budget and develop school improvement goals. At other schools, they're tasked with

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Nicole Banks, center, walks ahead of protesters and activists during a rally at CPD's Harrison District on Tuesday in Chicago after the Civilian Office of Police Accountability released body camera video of the fatal shooting of her son, Dexter Reed Jr., 26, who was killed March 21, in an "exchange of gunfire" with officers. **ARMANDO SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

COPA releases video of fatal police shooting

Johnson says images 'deeply disturbing'; attorneys call on Foxx to press charges

By Sam Charles and Alice Yin

Chicago Tribune

A West Side traffic stop ended last month with a group of Chicago police officers firing nearly 100 bullets, body-camera footage released to the public Tuesday showed, a barrage that killed a man who apparently first shot an officer in the wrist after he was pulled over for not wearing his seat belt.

At least three of the rounds were fired by police after the man, 26-year-old Dexter Reed, was lying unresponsive on a Humboldt Park street, the footage released by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability showed. The video's release prompted immediate responses from city leaders including Mayor Brandon Johnson, who called the scenes "deeply disturbing," and "extremely painful and traumatic for many of our city's residents."



A still image from a video released by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability shows a group of Chicago police officers surrounding a vehicle driven by Dexter Reed, 26, moments before an "exchange of gunfire" in which Reed was fatally shot on March 21 on the West Side. **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Attorneys for Reed's family called for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx to file criminal charges against officers involved in the shooting — a possibility that Foxx acknowl-

edged during a news conference.

The video was perhaps the most troubling police footage released during the first year of the Johnson administration, coming at a time when the city

in many ways is still managing reform in the wake of the video-taped police killings of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald and 13-year-old Adam Toledo in separate shootings. An officer was criminally convicted for shooting McDonald 16 times as he walked on a street in 2014, a killing that led to a federal consent decree, and a civil suit and associated police board case in Toledo's 2021 death in a Little Village alley still are pending.

COPA has recommended four officers involved in the shooting be stripped of their police powers as the investigation continues, officials said.

Records obtained by the Tribune show that COPA Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten wrote police Superintendent Larry Snelling on April 1 to raise concerns about the reason for

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Lori Lightfoot hired by Dolton trustees

Dolton Trustee Jason House shakes hands with former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot after she was appointed as a special investigator during a Village Board meeting Monday. Several Dolton trustees wanted to hire Lightfoot as they push for investigations into the spending of Mayor Tiffany Henyard, who they allege has mismanaged village finances. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Mich. parents sentenced to 10-year prison term

Negligence cited in son's 2021 high school shooting that killed 4

By Ed White

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A judge sentenced the parents of a Michigan school shooter to at least 10 years in prison Tuesday for failing to take steps that could have prevented a "runaway train" — the killing of four students in 2021.

Jennifer and James Crumbley are the first parents convicted in a U.S. mass school shooting. They were found guilty of involuntary manslaughter after prosecutors

presented evidence of an unsecured gun at home and indifference toward the teen's mental health.

Ethan Crumbley drew dark images of a gun, a bullet and a wounded man on a math assignment, accompanied by despondent phrases. Staff at Oxford High School did not demand that he go home but were surprised when the Crumbleys didn't volunteer it during a brief meeting.

Later that day, Nov. 30, 2021, the 15-year-old pulled a handgun from his backpack and began shooting. Ethan, now 17, is serving a life sentence for murder and other crimes.

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