NJDEP Announces New Interim Ground Water Quality Standards for PFOA and PFOS

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") announced last week that it has established interim specific ground water quality standards for perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA") and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ("PFOS"). A person responsible for conducting a remediation is required to evaluate whether there is a potential that PFOA or PFOS may have been manufactured, used, handled, stored, disposed, or discharged at a site or an area of concern at a site. These new standards apply to all sites and may require a preliminary assessment pursuant to the Tech Regs. NJDEP announced that responsible parties should seek an extension of the remedial investigation deadline, if necessary, to complete this investigation.