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The National Law Journal Quotes Houston Locke Lord Partner Jerry Higdon on EPA's Continued Regulatory Efforts to Reduce PFAS

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Locke Lord Houston Partner [Jerry Higdon](#) was quoted by The National Law Journal on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) continued regulatory efforts targeted to reduce levels of toxic "forever chemicals" to levels acceptable for human and environmental exposure and the agency's potential future approach to regulation. Higdon explains that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) regulation remains "an issue that's not going to go away for the industry," noting that the agency's approach to address these substances has followed developments in science.

"They [at EPA] have developed more information regarding the toxicity and testing of certain PFAS, and it just takes time to get the data by which to know at what levels to regulate PFAS in other contexts," Higdon adds.

"I expect that this will be an issue that we deal with for a while, but we've also dealt with issues like this before and have solved problems," he says. "We tackle it, we learn how to make adjustments, how to find alternatives and we work around the issues. And so I feel confident we'll do that with PFAS as well."

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