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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Posting EPA-HQ-OLEM-2020-0527 to Regulations.gov for Public Access

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BACKGROUND: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, Public Law No: 116-92 (FY 2020 NDAA), was signed into law on December 19, 2019. Section 7361 of the FY 2020 NDAA directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to publish interim guidance on the destruction and disposal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and materials containing PFAS. This Agency is releasing the interim guidance for public comment. The guidance provides information on technologies that may be feasible and appropriate for the destruction or disposal of PFAS and PFAS-containing materials. It also identifies needed and ongoing research and development activities related to destruction and disposal technologies which may inform future guidance.

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