

# Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee Meeting

January 27, 2022

This meeting is being recorded.



# Agenda – *times are approximate*

- 9:00 Welcome, general program updates – Liz Callahan, BWSC Acting Asst. Comm.
- 9:20 Federal sites and Brownfields funding – Diane Baxter, Director, Federal Sites Program
- 9:35 PFAS updates – Liz Callahan
- 9:55 Natural Resource Damages Program Restoration Highlights – Michelle Craddock, NRD Coordinator
- 10:15 Soil Disposal Capacity Listening Session Summary/Next Steps – Paul Locke, MassDEP Acting Deputy Commissioner, Policy & Planning



# Program Updates

- MCP amendments status
- MassDEP Budget
- Hybrid work - started for all staff January 1, 2022
- MassDEP Office lobbies reopening next week (M-F, 8:45 to 5) so that visitors will be able to drop off and pick up documents
  - *At this time*, in-person meetings with the public will not be occurring
- Boston office move to 100 Cambridge Street – now targeted for October 2022



# Program Updates: Staffing & Hiring

## Boston

- **Cathy Kiley**, new ER Coordinator
- **Suela John** is now a Counsel II OGC Boston working on BWSC matters (cost recovery, federal sites, and financial inability)
- **Hiring** -- Audit and Enforcement Coordinator, Brownfields Coordinator, Contract Administrator

## CERO

- **Kevin Daoust** will be new Site Management & Compliance Assistance Section Chief; Kevin was ER & Risk Reduction Section Chief
- **Amy Sullivan** moved to Site Management & Compliance Assistance as a Branch Chief
- **Phil Olson** joined ER, replacing **Timothy Maus** who transferred to CERO PFAS branch
- **Wes Perry** joined audits
- **Hiring** -- in process hiring new ER/RR Section Chief

## WERO

- **Caprice Shaw** now working in Site Management/Reduction/Brownfields/PFAS sites
- **Hiring** -- in process of filling Caprice's position/working on other postings

## NERO

- **Roya Nazari** and **Gregory Murray** joined ER this month
- **Hiring** -- very busy; positions currently posted

## SERO

- No staffing changes in last quarter



# PFAS Update



# Public Water Supplies – PFAS Testing

- 974 PWS (Community and Non-Community) have tested for PFAS (Tab 3 of PFAS storymap) 1,466 PWS are required to test.
- 442 out of 450 Community PWS have tested for PFAS
- 94% of the population are drinking water that meets the PFAS6 drinking water standard
- 90 PWS (Community and Non-Community) are currently or were previously providing water to their customers with PFAS6 > 20 ppt. (Tab 4 of PFAS storymap)



# Public Water Supply Testing

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas#pfas-detected-in-drinking-water-supplies-in-massachusetts->

PFAS detected in drinking water supplies in Massachusetts



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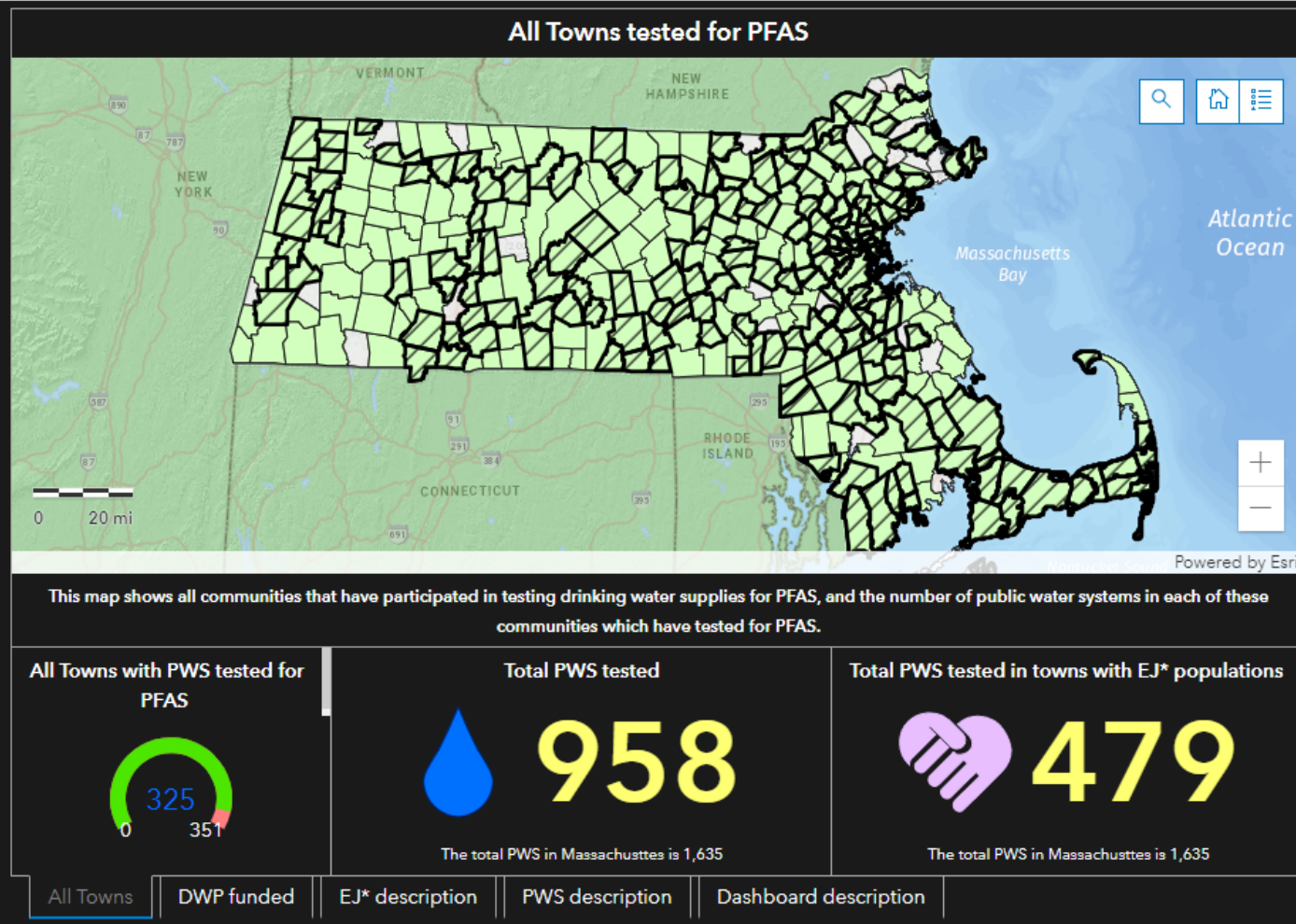
1 Introduction

2 Testing

3 Public Water Systems Tested

As part of the new drinking water regulations published on October 2, 2020, all public water systems are required to sample for PFAS. To assist public water systems in preparing for the new PFAS regulations, the Baker-Polito Administration provided funding to MassDEP for testing for PFAS in drinking water.

Drinking water data for PFAS testing by public water systems can be viewed through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs data portal as it becomes available, see: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/Portal/#!/search/drinking-water>



# Private Well Sampling Program

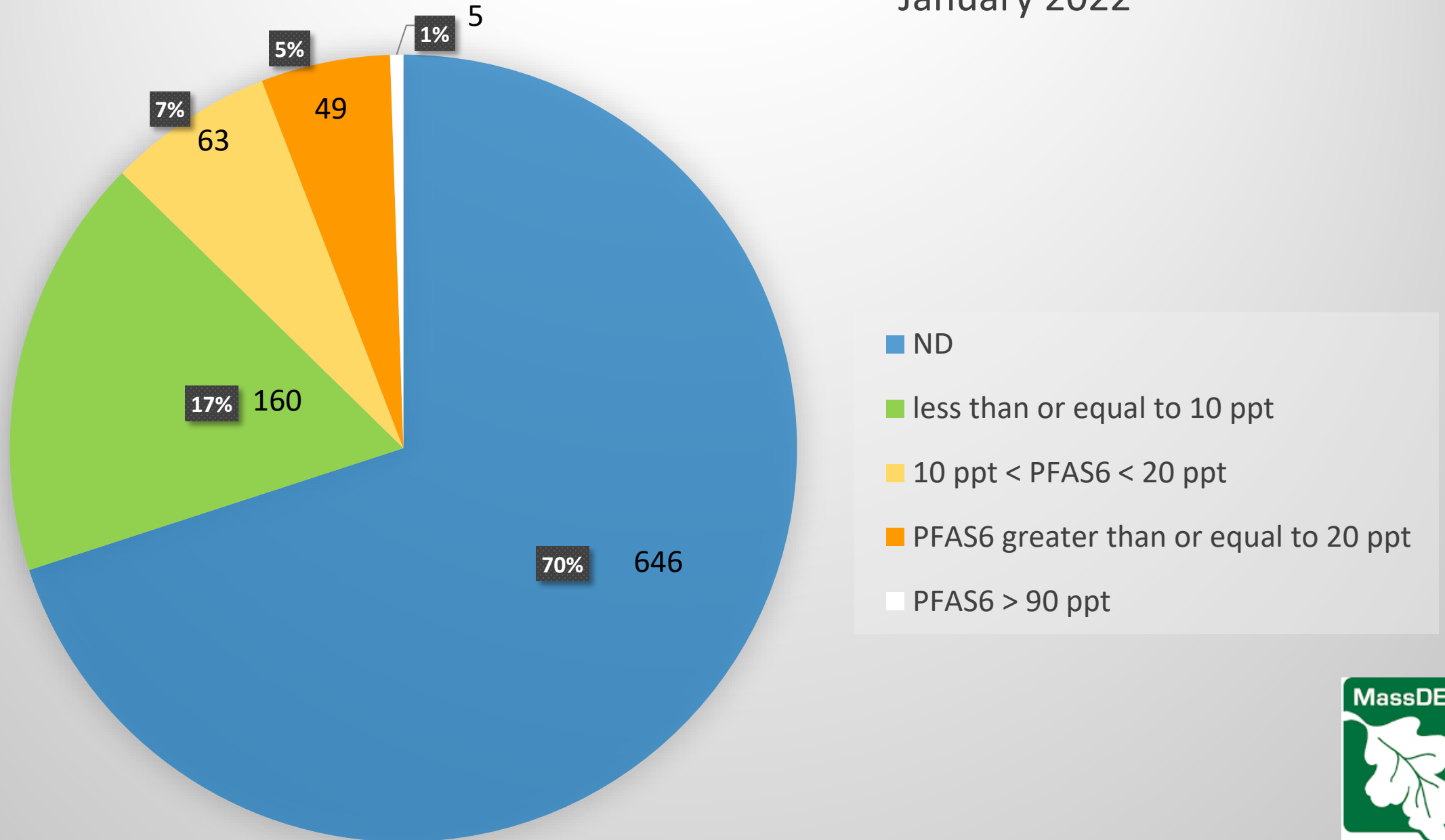
- Program involves 85 communities with > 60% residents served by private wells
- 3,898 homeowners have applied for the free sampling from the 85 towns
- 1,300 homeowners are now sampling/have sampled
- We have results from 922 private wells; 94% are below the MCL.
- 5 private wells have tested with results above the 90 ng/l imminent hazard.
- There are approximately 200,000 private wells in Massachusetts serving 600,000 residents.





# Private Well Sampling Program Results

January 2022



# BWSC PFAS Activities

- Follow up on IH conditions in private wells (POETS, testing on nearby wells, access)
- Ongoing review of PFAS related site investigation

