



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 2, 2024

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1415

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2, 2024, I have vetoed House Bill 1415, relative to PFAS facility liability.

It is concerning that the broad definition of perfluoroalkyls (PFAS) facility in HB 1415 would encompass any facility that previously used PFAS at their location, such as fire stations and other municipal facilities. The requirements under this bill would be inappropriate and unnecessarily burdensome to those entities.

In a letter from the New Hampshire Business & Industry Association, they noted that the concentrations triggering regulatory action in HB 1649 conflict and are set at two different standards – 100 parts per trillion in HB 1415 and 10,000 parts per trillion in HB 1649. This contrary language makes it extremely difficult to administer both and enforce them appropriately. Therefore, I have signed HB 1649 and vetoed HB 1415.

It is extremely important to hold appropriate parties accountable for their actions, but this legislation misses the mark.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1415.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clith T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor