



EXECUTIVE ORDER AND DIRECTIVE NO 26-01.
Issued by
ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE DANIEL P. MCCOY

Whereas, the County of Albany seeks to protect the health and welfare of all residents; and

Whereas, exposure to PFAS compounds, including PFOS and PFAS, at certain levels are known to cause significant health risks to humans, including, but not limited to, cancer causing, reproductive and other health issues; and

Whereas, biosolids are known to contain PFAS compounds and other hazardous health contaminants; and

Whereas, the spreading of PFAS laden biosolids, and other contaminant laden biosolids may lead to runoff causing contamination of drinking wells and water supply sources; and

Whereas, it has been confirmed by local government authorities within Albany County that biosolids are being spread upon lands within Albany County; and

Whereas, as County Executive, it is vital that I take all necessary actions to protect the health and safety of our residents.

THEREFORE, I Daniel P. McCoy, County Executive for Albany County, New York, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Albany County Charter, and by the laws of the State of New York, HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THAT:

1. There is a moratorium for the next one hundred and eighty (180) days, beginning upon the signing of this order that:
 - (a) No person shall sell, offer for sale, apply, or offer to apply biosolids, or compost derived from biosolids, from a wastewater treatment facility for the purposes of the application to agricultural, residential, or commercial lands located within Albany County.
2. The Albany County Department of Health, upon receiving verified complaints, conduct the necessary inquiries and inspections to provide the reporting of existing risks and potential health hazards relating to drinking water wells and supply sources from the spreading of PFAS laden, and other contaminant laden biosolids.
3. The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health shall establish regulations, pursuant to her authority, to enforce this Order.
4. Any person or entity who/that violates this Order shall be subject to a civil payment of a fine not to exceed more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation/per day.

Dated: 27th day of April, 2026
Albany, NY


Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive