

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - Wednesday, April 1, 2020

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE THE SCIENCE OF PFAS: Public Health & The Environment

**Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center
Framingham, MA**

Call for Presentations & Posters Deadline: Friday October 11, 2019

**Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA)
September 2019**

[NEWMOA](#) has partnered with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission ([NEIWPC](#)), the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management ([NESCAUM](#)), the Northeast Recycling Council ([NERC](#)), and others to organize a regional science conference on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The goals of the conference are to:

- Ensure that local, state, and federal action to address PFAS contamination is informed by the most current and reliable science
- Facilitate networking and information-sharing among key stakeholders on PFAS topics
- Identify important gaps in the science and policy to help inform future research

The conference will take place over two days and will include plenary and concurrent break-out sessions, exhibits, and posters. There will be ample time during the breaks to allow for networking and exhibit and poster viewing. If funding is available, there will be a reception in the evening of the first day. The conference organizers expect conference attendance to be approximately 400 people. The invitees will include:

- Local, state, and federal government officials
- Academic researchers and students
- Consultants and vendors
- Companies that use, make, or sell products that contain PFAS
- Non-governmental and environmental organizations

The break-out sessions and posters will be organized into four tracks:

- Health Impacts & Environmental Behavior
- Treatment, Remediation, & Disposal
- PFAS Use & Alternatives
- Environmental Sampling & Analysis

Presenters of selected presentations will receive a discount off the conference registration fee.

The presentation and poster topics listed below under each track are suggestions only – consider submitting proposals for other PFAS topics.

Health Impacts & Environmental Behavior

- Toxicology & human health effects
- Risk communications strategies
- Fate & transport of PFAS in the environment
- Impacts on biota & wildlife
- Bioaccumulation & impacts on the food chain
- PFAS in leachate & groundwater
- Interactions among air, land, & water quality impacts
- Degradation products
- Sources of PFAS in the environment
- ITRC Fact Sheets

Treatment, Remediation, & Disposal

- Drinking water & wastewater treatment systems
- Effective remediation strategies
- State & federal standard setting efforts
- Disposal strategies for contaminated media & product collections, including incineration

PFAS Uses & Alternatives

- Historic & current PFAS uses
- Results of product testing
- Alternatives assessments for AFFF
- Alternatives assessments for PFAS in personal care products, apparel, & compostable food ware
- Alternatives assessment for paper & paper products
- Latest research on alternative short chain PFAS compounds
- Alternatives for uses in manufacturing operations
- State & federal policies to address PFAS uses & alternatives

Environmental Sampling & Analysis

- Results of recent testing of environmental media – drinking water, soil, groundwater, landfill leachate, biosolids, compost, surface water & WWTP discharges
- Latest methods for testing drinking water
- Methods for sampling/testing soils & biosolids
- Methods for sampling/testing air releases
- Methods for sampling/testing surface & ground water
- Methods for testing products
- Methods for testing food
- Overcoming QA/QC challenges

Presentations

Each presentation should be 20 minutes in length. Each 90-minute break-out session will consist of three presentations. You can submit a proposal for a single presentation or for a full three presentation session. Each presenter in a three-presentation session must represent a different organization.

Proposal abstracts should list the proposed session track; presentation title; brief abstract of what questions/topics will be addressed; and the presenter's name, affiliation, and contact information. Presentations

should be in PowerPoint and a PDF of each presentation will be posted on the conference webpage after the conference.

Submit a proposal for an individual presentation or a three-presentation session [HERE](#) or access the online form on the Conference webpage at: www.newmoa.org/pfasscienceconference. The submission deadline is Friday September 27, 2019.

Posters

Proposed posters should list the proposed session track; poster title; brief abstract of what questions/topics will be addressed; the presenter's name, affiliation, and contact information; and a list of co-authors including their affiliations.

Submit a proposal for a poster [HERE](#) or access the online form on the Conference webpage at: www.newmoa.org/pfasscienceconference. The submission deadline is Friday September 27, 2019.

Poster presenters are expected to hang their posters at the start of the conference and be present at their posters to answer questions during the networking breaks and the Tuesday evening reception. The location of each poster will be listed in the final program. Each poster will be mounted on its own free-standing board with a space that is 48 inches high by 96 inches wide (landscape) so plan your poster accordingly. Extra space on your board can be used to post handouts or other information. Push pins will be provided at the conference to affix your poster to the board.

Poster presenters are responsible for taking down their posters at the end of the conference. Unclaimed posters are not the responsibility of the conference organizers or the hotel and will be throw away following the conference.

Poster Competition

The conference organizers will be holding a poster competition to select at least one poster under each of the conference tracks for special recognition during the conference. Members of the conference Planning Committee will judge the posters.

For a list of the Conference Planning Committee members visit: www.newmoa.org/pfasscienceconference.

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