

DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Last updated: January 8, 2026

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 14, 2026			
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Conference Check-In (No On-Site Registration)		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Exhibits and Posters Open	Morning Pastries and Refreshments (Provided)	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM		Welcome Remarks & Opening Plenary Teresa Booeshaghi , Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy, U.S. EPA Laurene Allen , Cofounder, Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water and the National PFAS Contamination Coalition Julia Varshavsky , Assistant Professor of Environmental Health, Northeastern University	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)	
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM		Session 1A <i>How PFAS Interact with the Body: Mechanistic, Clinical and Toxicokinetic Perspectives</i> Meghan Lynch , Abt Global “Upgrades to a Suite of One-Compartment Pharmacokinetic Models for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and Implementation as a Batch Tool” Yuting Wang , Silent Spring Institute “Associations among PFAS, diet, and blood pressure in the Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study” Alanna O’Neil , Rutgers University “Plasma Chloroperfluoropolyether Carboxylates (a Replacement PFAS) and Blood Lipid Levels in a Small Town in New Jersey” Moderator: Greylin Nielsen, MassDEP	Session 1B <i>Mitigating PFAS Uptake in Crops</i> Jiahui Hu , UC Riverside “Pilot Study on the Mitigation of PFAS Bioavailability to Plants Using Biochar as a Soil Amendment” Andrew Carpenter , Northern Tilth “Using Biochar and High Carbon Ash Soil Amendments to Reduce Uptake of PFAS in Grasses” Swikar Karki , University of Maine “Reducing PFAS Uptake in Vegetable Crops Using Biochar with Varying Application Rates and Biochar Aging in Maine” Moderator: Jonathan Thorn, Eurofins
		Session 1C <i>Statewide PFAS Occurrence Assessments</i> Whitney Fenwick , MassDEP; Michael Trovato and Todd Brown , Tighe & Bond “Massachusetts Statewide Assessment of PFAS in Wastewater: Trends, Fate, and Management Implications” Courtney Davis , New York State DOH “PFAS Occurrence in New York State Public Water Systems” Paula Mouser , University of New Hampshire; and Eamon Twohig , Vermont DEC “PFAS Testing at NPDES Permitted POTWs in Vermont: Phase I and Phase II Summary” Moderator: Johnsie Lang, Arcadis	
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM		Lunch (Provided)	
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM		Session 2A <i>PFAS in the Workforce: Exposures, Biomarkers and Emerging Health Insights</i> Kushal Biswas , UMASS Lowell “Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Surgical Cancer Specimens of Firefighters”	Session 2B <i>Advancing PFAS Treatment</i> Lauren Soós , TRS Group “Applying Thermal Conduction Heating for PFAS-Impacted Soil Remediation”
		Session 2C <i>PFAS Trends at Legacy Sites</i> Rajib Hassan Mozumder , Ramboll “Assessing the Timeline of Impacts from Legacy Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Groundwater at a Chemical Manufacturing Site”	

		<p>Anila Bello, UMASS Lowell “Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in urine samples of construction workers”</p> <p>Katherine Lubina, Rutgers School of Public Health “Associations between serum lipids and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) among U.S. volunteer firefighters”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alyssa Lewis, Rhode Island DEM</i></p>	<p>Baxter Miatke, Arcadis “PFAS Water Treatment and Destruction: A Discussion of Various Emerging Treatment and Destruction Technologies to Address Fluorinated Organics in Water”</p> <p>Josephine Adu-Gyamfi, University of Maine “Optimizing PFAS Treatment Decisions: Balancing Cost, Energy, and Environmental Trade-Offs”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Madeline Bruno, Maine DEP</i></p>	<p>Kate Emma Schlosser, New Hampshire DES “10 Years of PFAS Assessment at New Hampshire’s Contaminated Sites: Sources, Trends, and Progress”</p> <p>Andrew Fuller, New Hampshire DES “Marking 10 Years of Investigation and Mitigation of PFAS Releases from the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Facility in Merrimack, NH. An Overview of Work Completed, Next Steps, and Lessons Learned”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, New Jersey DEP</i></p>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Exhibits and Posters Open	Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM		<p>Session 3A <i>PFAS in Products: State Innovation and Collaborative Policy Design</i></p> <p>Susan Day and Mark Petruzzi, Eastern Research Group “The ABCs of PFAS in Products: Approaches, Building Blocks, and Collaboration for State Solutions”</p> <p>John Fay, NEWMOA; and Tom Metzner, Connecticut DEEP “PFAS in Packaging: Policy and Enforcement at the State Level”</p> <p>Andria Kurbondski, Minnesota PCA; and Stephanie Frisch, NEWMOA “Introduction to PFAS Reporting and Information System for Manufacturers (PRISM)”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Nick Nigro, Pace Analytical Services</i></p>	<p>Session 3B <i>Characterization and Remediation of AFFF Sites</i></p> <p>Katrina Mattice, Stone Environmental “AFFF-Derived PFAS Contamination of Aquifers at Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport (RSVRA): Part 1 – Fate and Transport in Unconsolidated Materials and Stormwater Systems”</p> <p>Jon Kim, Vermont Geological Survey “AFFF-Derived PFAS Contamination of Aquifers Beneath the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport (RSVRA), Part II: Four-Dimensional Fate and Transport in the Fractured Rock Aquifer (FRA)”</p> <p>John Paquin, GZA GeoEnvironmental; and Paul Ruszala, Barnstable County, MA “Case History – PFAS Investigation of the Former Barnstable Municipal Fire Training Facility (Part 1 of 2)”</p> <p>Daniel Scanlon, GZA GeoEnvironmental; and Speaker TBD, REGENESIS “Pilot Testing and Full-Scale Implementation of a Colloidal Activated Carbon Permeable Reactive Barrier at the Former Barnstable Municipal Fire Training Facility (Part 2 of 2)”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alana Miller, REGENESIS</i></p>	<p>Session 3C <i>PFAS Fate and Transport</i></p> <p>Gulsun Akdemir Evrendilek, University of Maine “Spatiotemporal Dynamics and Risk Mitigation of PFAS Contamination in Harpswell Cove, Maine”</p> <p>Nefeli Bompoti, UMASS Dartmouth “PFAS Reactive Transport in New England: Field-Based Insights from Contaminated Sites in Connecticut and Massachusetts”</p> <p>Allen Martin, North Carolina DEQ “Advancing PFAS Characterization and Mitigation: Targeted Analysis, Surface Water Foam Partitioning, and Experimental Fractionation at NCDEQ”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, New Jersey DEP</i></p>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM		Conference Reception – Passed Appetizers (Provided) and Refreshments (Cash Bar)		

Day 2 – Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Conference Check-In (No On-Site Registration)			
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Exhibits Open	Morning Pastries and Refreshments (Provided)		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM		<div>Session 4A <i>PFAS in Products: Challenges and Safer Solutions</i></div> <div>Chris Hudalla, <i>ProVerde Environmental</i> “PFAS Contaminants in Feminine Hygiene Products”</div> <div>Gabriel Salierno and Heather Tenney, <i>Toxics Use Reduction Institute</i> “Beyond Regrettable Substitutions: Replacing PFAS with Informed Design”</div> <div>Kushal Biswas, <i>UMASS Lowell</i> “Fluorine-Free Firefighting Foams (F3) in the Marketplace: Assessing PFAS Content, Thermal Degradation Behavior and Environmental Health Risks”</div> <div>Moderator: Debra Darby, <i>Tetra Tech</i></div>	<div>Session 4B <i>Emerging Methods</i></div> <div>Susan Genualdi, <i>FDA Human Foods Program</i> “Development of a rapid method for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in priority food matrices for interagency research and regulatory analysis”</div> <div>Jessica Bulova, <i>Sanborn Head & Associates</i> “Application and modification of COREDFN investigation and analysis methods to a PFAS-impacted bedrock site”</div> <div>Thomas Simones, <i>Maine CDC</i> “Evaluation of the Cyclopure home test kit for PFAS in drinking water against standard EPA-based water testing methods”</div> <div>Moderator: Sara Lupton, <i>USDA</i></div>	<div>Session 4C <i>PFAS in Residential Water Systems</i></div> <div>Nathan Stevens, <i>Kleinfelder</i>; and Mike Penzone, <i>Delaware DNREC</i> “DNREC Piedmont PFAS – Initial Results and Lessons Learned”</div> <div>Natalie Johnson, <i>MassDEP</i> “Residential wastewater as a source of PFAS to Massachusetts water supplies”</div> <div>Michael Haggerty, <i>New York State DEC</i> “Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program”</div> <div>Moderator: Jennifer Willemsen, <i>New Jersey DEP</i></div>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM		<div>Session 5A <i>PFAS Biomonitoring in Communities</i></div> <div>Emily Pennoyer, <i>Maine CDC</i> “Electronic PFAS blood test reporting in Maine: Considerations for public health oversight and case follow-up”</div> <div>Ray Holberger, <i>South Carolina DES</i> “Risk in an Uncertain Environment: SCDES PFAS Assessment Risk Communication Strategy”</div> <div>Erica Knight and Amy Quintin, <i>WSP USA</i> “Is this water safe for irrigating my garden?”</div> <div>Moderator: Caredwen Foley, <i>Massachusetts OTA</i></div>	<div>Session 5B <i>PFAS in Wastewater</i></div> <div>Jennifer Harfmann, <i>New Hampshire DES</i>; and Alexis Eaton, <i>University of New Hampshire</i> “PFAS in residential wastewater: Occurrence, transformations, and impacts to groundwater quality”</div> <div>Sarah Jakositz, <i>CDM Smith</i>; and David Gray, <i>Town of Nantucket, MA</i> “Guided by Data: A Road Map Approach to PFAS Monitoring and Source Identification in Wastewater”</div> <div>Simba Washaya, <i>Axine Water Technologies</i> “From Pilot to Practice: Full-Scale PFAS Destruction Using Foam Fractionation and Electrochemical Oxidation in Industrial Wastewater”</div> <div>Moderator: Dora Chiang, <i>Jacobs</i></div>	<div>Session 5C <i>Sampling Methodologies</i></div> <div>Yixian Zhang, <i>US Army Corps of Engineers</i> “PFAS Groundwater Sampling and Analysis at Two Sites: Analytical Method Evolution, Data Comparability, and Suspended Solids Challenges”</div> <div>Matt McCormick, <i>U.S. EPA</i> “A Comparative Analysis of Purge and No-Purge Groundwater Sampling Methods for Characterization of PFAS Compounds”</div> <div>Grant Carey, <i>Porewater Solutions</i> “Methods for Validating Porewater Samples for Remedial Decision-Making”</div> <div>Moderator: Nick Nigro, <i>Pace Analytical Services</i></div>

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1:30 PM – 3:00 PM		Session 6A <i>PFAS in Seafood and Game: Implications for Consumers and Monitoring</i> Phoebe Oehmig, Dartmouth College “Claws for Concern? A PFAS and coastal land use analysis for Maine lobsters” Tom Danielson, Maine DEP “PFAS in fish and water after a large AFFF spill in Brunswick, Maine” Matt Dunn, Tetra Tech Ocean Science “Assessing PFAS Contamination in Freshwater Resources: Insights from the Water Quality Portal and National Fish Tissue Survey” <i>Moderator: Shaina Harkins, Rhode Island DEM</i>	Session 6B <i>Advancing PFAS Characterization</i> Zoom Nguyen, Weston Solutions “Novel Insights from Multivariate Analysis of Metadata from a Large PFAS Remedial Investigation Dataset” Jonathan Thorn, Eurofins “PFAS Characterization in Biosolids Using an Expanded EPA 1633A Method” Dan Bryant, Woodard & Curran “Updating PFAS Soil Leaching Criteria: Scientific Advances and Policy Implications” <i>Moderator: Johnsie Lang, Arcadis</i>	Session 6C <i>Atmospheric PFAS Monitoring</i> Jesse Rocha, Alliance Technical Group “PFAS Air Testing for Stationary Sources” Andrew Smith, Maine CDC; and Stacy Knapp, Maine DEP “Ambient air monitoring for PFAS at a large AFFF spill site with legacy soil and surface water contamination” Sandra Goodrow, New Jersey DEP “PFAS in Precipitation and Ambient Air in New Jersey” <i>Moderator: Barbara Morin, NESCAUM</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM		Session 7A <i>Data Foundations for PFAS Standards</i> Tanya Justham, New Hampshire DES “PFAS Occurrence in New Hampshire Shallow Soils and Development of Soil Remediation Standards” Abigail Bline, Maine CDC “Estimating food consumption rates for the purpose of setting maximum levels for PFAS in agricultural foods” Chris Evans, Maine DEP “Evaluating for the variability of PFAS from eleven low PFAS level residential drinking water supply wells over ten months” <i>Moderator: Elizabeth Denly, TRC Companies</i>	Session 7B <i>Analytical Developments</i> Johanna Ganglbauer, University of Rhode Island “Interpreting PFAS Analysis Results Through the Lens of EPA Method 1633” Jamie Fox, SGS North America “Beyond 40: Extending Targeted PFAS Measurement Past EPA 1633A” Sarah Choyke, Eurofins “Mastering the Mysteries of Emerging Contaminants using Non-Targeted Analysis: PFAS Precursors and beyond” <i>Moderator: Taryn McKnight, Eurofins</i>	Session 7C <i>PFAS in Agriculture and the Food Supply</i> Margot Lee, Waters Corporation “PFAS in the Food Chain: Analysis of Eggs, Meats, and Produce using LC-MS/MS” Daniel Wasonga, University of Maine “Soil and plant factors affecting PFOS uptake by perennial forages in Maine” Ellen Mallory, University of Maine “Management strategies to reduce PFOS uptake by forages” <i>Moderator: Jesse Rocha, Alliance Technical Grp</i>

Day 3 – Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Conference Check-In (No On-Site Registration)		
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Morning Pastries and Refreshments (Provided)		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<div>Session 8A</div> <div>PFAS in Freshwater Ecosystems</div> <div>Katherine Neilsen, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine “Bioaccumulation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and oxidative stress in snapping turtles in New York, USA”</div> <div>Tom Danielson, Maine DEP “Bioaccumulation of PFAS in stocked brook trout”</div> <div>Jesse Becker, New York State DEC “PFAS in Commonly Hunted Waterfowl from Great Lakes Waters of NY and PA”</div> <div>Moderator: Richard Spiese, Vermont DEC</div>	<div>Session 8B</div> <div>PFAS Exposure Pathways in Food Systems</div> <div>Ethan Sontarp, Harvard University “Understanding PFAS in the Food System: Exposures through Agricultural Contamination”</div> <div>Barbara Morrissey, Washington DOH “Food Safety Evaluation of PFAS in Home-Raised Livestock at Two Contaminated sites in Washington State”</div> <div>Sara Lupton, USDA “Tissue distribution of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in layer hen plasma and tissues during a 32-week exposure period followed by a 9-week depuration period”</div> <div>Moderator: Susie Genualdi, FDA</div>	<div>Session 8C</div> <div>Verifying PFAS Destruction</div> <div>AnnieLu DeWitt, Clean Harbors “PFAS Destruction Testing Results - OTM 45, OTM 50, 0010 - Clean Harbors Aragonite UT Permitted Haz Waste Combustor”</div> <div>Dora Chiang, Jacobs “PFAS Destruction Verification Strategies”</div> <div>Nicole Moody, MassDEP “Accounting for Fluorine Mass from PFAS Destruction Technologies: A Regulatory Perspective”</div> <div>Moderator: Wendy Heiger-Bernays, MassDEP</div>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<div>Session 9A</div> <div>From Tap to Blood: Drinking Water Contamination and Serum PFAS Levels</div> <div>Emma Ryan, Silent Spring Institute “Children’s serum PFAS levels years after exposure to PFAS-contaminated drinking water and relevance of other exposure pathways”</div> <div>Laurel Schaidler, Silent Spring Institute “Evaluation of Historically Reconstructed PFAS Serum Levels in Communities Exposed to PFAS Contaminated Drinking Water in the Multi-Site Study”</div> <div>Greylin Nielsen and Emma Spady, MassDEP “Development and Use of a Population PFAS Toxicokinetic Model to Relate Drinking Water and Serum PFAS Concentrations to Guide Policy Decisions”</div> <div>Moderator: Ray Holberger, South Carolina DES</div>	<div>Session 9B</div> <div>PFAS Behavior in Terrestrial Environments</div> <div>Madhav Kharel, University at Albany SUNY “PFAS Distribution, Fractionation, and Impact on Soil Microbial Communities in Plant-Biosolids-Soil Systems”</div> <div>Louise Roy and Madeline Bruno, Maine DEP “Screening-Level PFAS Fingerprints Near Septage Land-Application Areas: Preliminary Patterns from the Maine LD1600 Investigation Dataset”</div> <div>Maxwell Meadows, USGS “Geological and Hydrological Effects on PFAS Concentrations in Groundwater Near Areas of Historical Land Applications of Biosolids”</div> <div>Moderator: Jen Lichtensteiger, NEIWPCC</div>	<div>Session 9C</div> <div>Innovative PFAS Treatment Approaches</div> <div>Ryan Moore, REGENESIS “A Field Demonstration Study: Activated Carbon-Based Amendment Used to Remediate PFAS Source Soil and Groundwater at a Northern Michigan Airfield”</div> <div>Erika Houtz, ECT2 “Demonstration of a Mobile Prototype for Regenerable Ion Exchange Treatment of PFAS in Groundwater”</div> <div>Andrew Punsoni, Allonia “PFAS Removal by Foam Fractionation in Varying Water Types”</div> <div>Moderator: Alana Miller, REGENESIS</div>

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Exhibits Open	Lunch (Independent)		
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM		Session 10A <i>Understanding PFAS Occurrence</i> Abby Burton , <i>Eastern Research Group</i> “Comparison of PFAS in Production to Analytical Methods and Detections” Chris Ciccarelli , <i>New York State DEC</i> “NYSDEC Update on Wastewater PFAS Monitoring” Todd Dresser , <i>HETI Services</i> “Tips for Reducing the Use/Release of PFAS” Moderator: Lauren Soós, <i>TRS Group</i>	Session 10B <i>PFAS Occurrence in Soil Matrices</i> Christoph Aeppli , <i>Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences</i> ; and Caleb Goosen , <i>MOFGA</i> “Fractional Loading and Occurrence of Airborne Transfer of PFAS (FLOAT): Characterizing PFAS in Agricultural Soils and Airborne Dust” Fábio Iwashita , <i>New York State DEC</i> “A Statistical and Forensic Framework for Assessing Background PFAS Concentrations in Rural Soils Across New York State” Jennifer Willemsen , <i>New Jersey DEP</i> “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in New Jersey Soils: A Statewide Investigation” Moderator: Louise Roy, <i>Maine DEP</i>	Session 10C <i>Understanding PFAS Inputs to WWTPs</i> Amanda Berger and Johnsie Lang , <i>Arcadis</i> “Forensic Tools for Compliance: Preparing Wastewater Utilities for PFAS Regulations” James Locurto , <i>E2METRIX</i> “Demonstrating an Onsite, Closed-loop PFAS Pre-Treatment Solution for Hauled-in Landfill Leachate at a Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)” Lingke Zeng , <i>Sanborn Head & Associates</i> “PFAS Transport and Mass Balance Between a Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Landfill: Lessons Learned for PFAS Treatment and Management” Moderator: Jen Lichtensteiger, <i>NEIWPC</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM		Session 11A <i>Tools and Frameworks for PFAS Decision-Making</i> Steph Tatum and Brielle Meade , <i>Eastern Research Group</i> “EPA’s PFAS Analytic Tools: Where and What’s Next for PFAS in Water” Caroline Emery , <i>Texas CEQ</i> “PFAS in Texas: TCEQ’s Toxicological Approach and Drinking Water Monitoring Updates” Barbara Astmann , <i>Maine CDC</i> “An Update to Maine’s Soil Screening Levels for the PFOS Soil to Feed to Cow’s Milk Exposure Pathway” Moderator: Abigail Blaine, <i>Maine CDC</i>	Session 11B <i>Regional PFAS Surface Water Studies</i> Rama Pulicharla , <i>MassDEP</i> “PFAS Concentrations in Surface Water and Biota Across Selected Freshwater and Coastal Systems in Massachusetts” Dan Rearick , <i>New York State DEC</i> “Monitoring Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in New York State Lakes and Streams” Hannah Sterling , <i>Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences</i> “PFAS Distributions in Surface Waters of Maine’s Casco Bay Estuary: Multi-Season Monitoring Efforts and AFFF Spill Assessment” Moderator: Rajib Mozumder, <i>Ramboll</i>	Session 11C <i>PFAS Detection and Control</i> Elizabeth Denly , <i>TRC</i> “Analyses for PFAS in Consumer Products: What Do You Need to Know?” Scott Grieco , <i>Kleinfelder</i> “PFAS media evaluations: Understanding performance and improving confidence with Rapid Small-Scale Column Testing. The Devil is in the Details” Ian Ross , <i>CDM Smith</i> “Mitigating the Risks of Incomplete Decontamination Using a Novel Surface Testing Method to Comprehensively Assess PFAS Remaining throughout Fire Fighting Suppression Systems” Moderator: Taryn McKnight, <i>Eurofins</i>
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