

DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Last updated: December 17, 2025

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	Light Breakfast and Refreshments (Provided)	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM		Welcome Remarks & Opening Plenary Teresa Boeshaghi , 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> Aaron Birchfield , Hamilton College “PFAS recognition by lipid transport proteins: structural and biochemical insights from FABP4 and SCP2” 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: Name, Affiliation	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: Name, Affiliation
		Session 1C <i>Statewide PFAS Occurrence Assessments</i> Whitney Fenwick , MassDEP; Rachel Tenney 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 Twhig , 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”	

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		<p>Anila Bello, <i>UMASS Lowell</i> “Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in urine samples of construction workers”</p> <p>Katherine Lubina, <i>Rutgers School of Public Health</i> “Associations between serum lipids and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) among U.S. volunteer firefighters.”</p> <p>Moderator: Name, Affiliation</p>	<p>Baxter Miatke, <i>Arcadis</i> “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, <i>University of Maine</i> “Optimizing PFAS Treatment Decisions: Balancing Cost, Energy, and Environmental Trade-Offs”</p> <p>Moderator: Madeline Bruno, <i>Maine DEP</i></p>	<p>Kate Emma Schlosser*, <i>New Hampshire DES</i> “10 Years of PFAS Assessment at New Hampshire’s Contaminated Sites: Sources, Trends, and Progress”</p> <p>Andrew Fuller, <i>New Hampshire DES</i> “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>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, <i>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, <i>Eastern Research Group</i> “The ABCs of PFAS in Products: Approaches, Building Blocks, and Collaboration for State Solutions”</p> <p>John Fay, <i>NEWMOA</i>; and Tom Metzner, <i>Connecticut DEEP</i> “PFAS in Packaging: Policy and Enforcement at the State Level”</p> <p>Andria Kurbondski, <i>Minnesota PCA</i>; and Stephanie Frisch, <i>NEWMOA</i> “Introduction to PRISM”</p> <p>Moderator: Nick Nigro, <i>Pace Analytical Services</i></p>	<p>Session 3B <i>Characterization and Remediation of AFFF Sites</i></p> <p>Katrina Mattice, <i>Stone Environmental</i> “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, <i>Vermont Geological Survey</i> “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>Paul Ruszala*, <i>Barnstable County, MA</i> “Case History – PFAS Investigation of the Former Barnstable Municipal Fire Training Facility (Part 1 of 2)”</p> <p>John Paquin*, <i>GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc</i> “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>Moderator: Alana Miller, <i>REGENESIS</i></p>	<p>Session 3C <i>PFAS Fate and Transport</i></p> <p>Gulsun Akdemir Evrendilek, <i>University of Maine</i> “Spatiotemporal Dynamics and Risk Mitigation of PFAS Contamination in Harpswell Cove, Maine”</p> <p>Nefeli Bompoti, <i>UMASS Dartmouth</i> “PFAS Reactive Transport in New England: Field-Based Insights from Contaminated Sites in Connecticut and Massachusetts”</p> <p>Allen Martin, <i>North Carolina DEQ</i> “Advancing PFAS Characterization and Mitigation: Targeted Analysis, Surface Water Foam Partitioning, and Experimental Fractionation at NCDEQ”</p> <p>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, <i>New Jersey DEP</i></p>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM		Reception – Sponsored by [Sponsor Names]		

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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	Continental Breakfast (Provided)		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM		Session 4A <i>PFAS in Products: Challenges and Safer Solutions</i> Chris Hudalla , <i>ProVerde Environmental</i> “PFAS Contaminants in Feminine Hygiene Products” Gabriel Salierno*, <i>Toxics Use Reduction Institute</i> “Beyond Regrettable Substitutions: Replacing PFAS with Informed Design” Kushal Biswas, <i>UMASS Lowell</i> “Fluorine-Free Firefighting Foams (F3) in the Marketplace: Assessing PFAS Content, Thermal Degradation Behavior and Environmental Health Risks” <u>Moderator</u>: Name, Affiliation	Session 4B <i>Emerging Methods</i> 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” Jessica Bulova , <i>Sanborn Head & Associates</i> “Application and modification of COREDFN investigation and analysis methods to a PFAS-impacted bedrock site” Thomas Simones , <i>Maine CDC</i> “Evaluation of the Cyclopure home test kit for PFAS in drinking water against standard EPA-based owater testing methods” <u>Moderator</u> : Madeline Bruno, <i>MEDEP</i>	Session 4C <i>PFAS in Residential Water Systems</i> Nathan Stevens , <i>Kleinfelder</i> ; and Mike Penzone , <i>Delaware DNREC</i> “DNREC Piedmont PFAS – Initial Results and Lessons Learned” Natalie Johnson , <i>MassDEP</i> “Residential wastewater as a source of PFAS to Massachusetts water supplies” Michael Haggerty , <i>New York State DEC</i> “Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program” <u>Moderator</u> : Jennifer Willemsen, <i>New Jersey DEP</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM		Session 5A <i>PFAS Biomonitoring in Communities</i> Emily Pennoyer , <i>Maine CDC</i> “Electronic PFAS blood test reporting in Maine: Considerations for public health oversight and case follow-up” Ray Holberger , <i>South Carolina DES</i> “Risk in an Uncertain Environment: SCDES PFAS Assessment Risk Communication Strategy” Erica Knight*, <i>WSP USA</i> “Is this water safe for irrigating my garden?” <u>Moderator</u>: Dustin Leoypoldt, <i>SCDES</i>	Session 5B <i>PFAS in Wastewater</i> Jennifer Harfmann , <i>New Hampshire DES</i> “PFAS in residential wastewater: Occurrence, transformations, and impacts to groundwater quality” Sarah Jakositz , <i>CDM Smith</i> “Guided by Data: A Road Map Approach to PFAS Monitoring and Source Identification in Wastewater” Simba Washaya , <i>Axine Water Technologies</i> “From Pilot to Practice: Full-Scale PFAS Destruction Using Foam Fractionation and Electrochemical Oxidation in Industrial Wastewater” <u>Moderator</u> : Name, Affiliation	Session 5C <i>Sampling Methodologies</i> 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” Matt McCormick , <i>U.S. EPA</i> “A Comparative Analysis of Purge and No-Purge Groundwater Sampling Methods for Characterization of PFAS Compounds” Grant Carey , <i>Porewater Solutions</i> “Methods for Validating Porewater Samples for Remedial Decision-Making” <u>Moderator</u> : Nick Nigro, <i>Pace Analytical Services</i>

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

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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	Exhibits Open	Continental Breakfast (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: Name, Affiliation</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*, 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: Name, Affiliation</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>

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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: Name, Affiliation	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” Katie Henderson* , <i>Ovivo</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		
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM		Session 11A <i>Tools and Frameworks for PFAS Decision-Making</i> Speaker TBD , <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” Meghan Lynch* , <i>Abt Global</i> “Upgrades to a Suite of One-Compartment Pharmacokinetic Models for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and Implementation as a Batch Tool” Moderator: Name, Affiliation	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: Name, Affiliation	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>
5:00 PM		Adjourn		

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