

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	Morning Pastries and Refreshments (Provided)			
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Welcome Remarks & Opening Plenary Teresa Booshehagi , Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy, <i>U.S. EPA</i> Laurene Allen , Cofounder, <i>Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water and the National PFAS Contamination Coalition</i> Julia Varshavsky , Assistant Professor of Environmental Health, <i>Northeastern University</i>			
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)			
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Exhibits and Posters Open	Session 1A <i>How PFAS Interact with the Body: Mechanistic, Clinical and Toxicokinetic Perspectives</i> 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” Yuting Wang , <i>Silent Spring Institute</i> “Associations among PFAS, diet, and blood pressure in the Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study” Alanna O’Neil , <i>Rutgers University</i> “Plasma Chloroperfluoropolyether Carboxylates (a Replacement PFAS) and Blood Lipid Levels in a Small Town in New Jersey” <u>Moderator:</u> Greylin Nielsen, <i>MassDEP</i>	Session 1B <i>Mitigating PFAS Uptake in Crops</i> Jiahui Hu , <i>UC Riverside</i> “Pilot Study on the Mitigation of PFAS Bioavailability to Plants Using Biochar as a Soil Amendment” Andrew Carpenter , <i>Northern Tilth</i> “Using Biochar and High Carbon Ash Soil Amendments to Reduce Uptake of PFAS in Grasses” Swikar Karki , <i>University of Maine</i> “Reducing PFAS Uptake in Vegetable Crops Using Biochar with Varying Application Rates and Biochar Aging in Maine” <u>Moderator:</u> Jonathan Thorn, <i>Eurofins</i>	Session 1C <i>Statewide PFAS Occurrence Assessments</i> Whitney Fenwick , <i>MassDEP</i> , Michael Trovato and Todd Brown , <i>Tighe & Bond</i> “Massachusetts Statewide Assessment of PFAS in Wastewater: Trends, Fate, and Management Implications” Courtney Davis , <i>New York State DOH</i> “PFAS Occurrence in New York State Public Water Systems” Paula Mouser , <i>University of New Hampshire</i> ; and Eamon Twohig , <i>Vermont DEC</i> “PFAS Testing at NPDES Permitted POTWs in Vermont: Phase I and Phase II Summary” <u>Moderator:</u> Johnsie Lang, <i>Arcadis</i>
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 , <i>UMASS Lowell</i> “Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Surgical Cancer Specimens of Firefighters”	Session 2B <i>Advancing PFAS Treatment</i> Lauren Soós , <i>TRS Group</i> “Applying Thermal Conduction Heating for PFAS-Impacted Soil Remediation”	Session 2C <i>PFAS Trends at Legacy Sites</i> Rajib Hassan Mozumder , <i>Ramboll</i> “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><u>Moderator: Alyssa Lewis, Rhode Island DEM</u></p>	<p>Baxter Miatke and Lauren March, 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><u>Moderator: Madeline Bruno, Maine DEP</u></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><u>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, New Jersey DEP</u></p>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	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 Petrucci, 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><u>Moderator: Nick Nigro, Pace Analytical Services</u></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><u>Moderator: Alana Miller, REGENESIS</u></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 Bompotis, 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><u>Moderator: Sandra Goodrow, New Jersey DEP</u></p>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<p>Conference Reception – Passed Appetizers (Provided) and Refreshments (Cash Bar)</p>		

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

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

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (Independent)		
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Session 10A <i>Understanding PFAS Occurrence</i>	Session 10B <i>PFAS Occurrence in Soil Matrices</i>
		Abby Burton, Eastern Research Group “Comparison of PFAS in Production to Analytical Methods and Detections”	Christoph Aepli, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences; and Caleb Goosen, MOFGA “Fractional Loading and Occurrence of Airborne Transfer of PFAS (FLOAT): Characterizing PFAS in Agricultural Soils and Airborne Dust”
		Chris Ciccarelli, New York State DEC “NYSDEC Update on Wastewater PFAS Monitoring”	Fábio Iwashita, New York State DEC “A Statistical and Forensic Framework for Assessing Background PFAS Concentrations in Rural Soils Across New York State”
		Todd Dresser, HETI “Tips for Reducing the Use/Release of PFAS”	Jennifer Willemsen, New Jersey DEP “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in New Jersey Soils: A Statewide Investigation”
		Moderator: Lauren Soós, <i>TRS Group</i>	Moderator: Louise Roy, <i>Maine DEP</i>
		Networking Break and Refreshments (Provided)	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM		Session 11A <i>Tools and Frameworks for PFAS Decision-Making</i>	Session 11B <i>Regional PFAS Surface Water Studies</i>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM		Steph Tatham and Brielle Meade, Eastern Research Group “EPA’s PFAS Analytic Tools: Where and What’s Next for PFAS in Water”	Rama Pulicharla, MassDEP “PFAS Concentrations in Surface Water and Biota Across Selected Freshwater and Coastal Systems in Massachusetts”
		Caroline Emery, Texas CEQ “PFAS in Texas: TCEQ’s Toxicological Approach and Drinking Water Monitoring Updates”	Dan Rearick, New York State DEC “Monitoring Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in New York State Lakes and Streams”
		Barbara Astmann, Maine CDC “An Update to Maine’s Soil Screening Levels for the PFOS Soil to Feed to Cow’s Milk Exposure Pathway”	Hannah Sterling, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences “PFAS Distributions in Surface Waters of Maine’s Casco Bay Estuary: Multi-Season Monitoring Efforts and AFFF Spill Assessment”
		Moderator: Abigail Bline, <i>Maine CDC</i>	Moderator: Rajib Mozumder, <i>Ramboll</i>
5:00 PM	Adjourn		