

# IPP PFAS Initiative Regional Information Meetings

March 2018

## **PFAS**

- What they are
- Why they are important
- Where you may find them
- DEQ WRD requirements
- Sampling and Analysis
- Resources and Information

# Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Meeting Start
  - 1. Welcome and Introduction
  - 2. PFAS and its Impact on POTWs and Receiving Streams
  - 3. WRD Requirements for POTWs with IPPs
  - 4. Question & Answer
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
  - 5. PFAS Monitoring and Analysis
  - 6. Where to go for Resources and Assistance
  - 7. Question & Answer
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn



## PFAS AND POTWS

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## What's in a Name?

- PFAS Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
- Also called PFCs for Perfluorinated Compounds
- But PFCs can also mean Perfluorocarbons associated with greenhouse gases--confusing
- PFAS and PFOS sound similar: also confusing
- Discussion on epa.gov
   https://www.epa.gov/pfas/basic-information-about-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfass#use

# PFAS— Class of Manufactured Chemicals

- PFAS Per and Polyfluoroalkyl <u>Substances</u>
- Synthetic, used extensively for 70 years
- Useful properties: oil- and water-resistance
- Emerging pollutants: science about the chemicals and impacts is being developed

## **Environmental and Health Concerns**





- Widespread wildlife and human exposure
- Human Health concerns
- Most studied chemicals are PFOS and PFOA

#### **PFAS** and Consumer Products



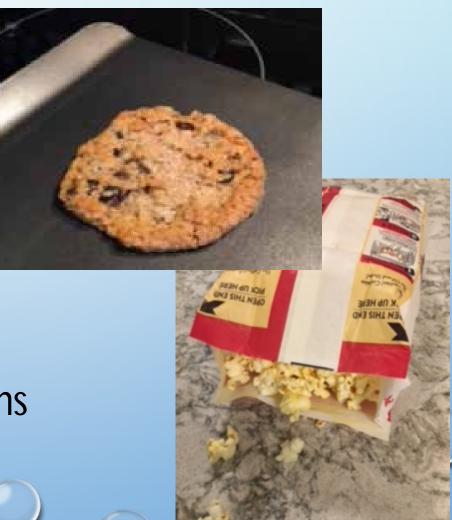
Stain and water-repellants for fabrics, leather, and carpets



# PFAS and Consumer Products

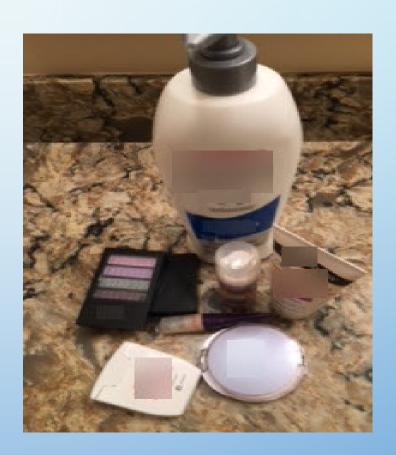
Used in Non-stick coatings:

- cooking pans
- auto polishes and waxes
- food wrappers and cartons



### **PFAS** and Consumer Products

- Personal care items
  - Cosmetics
  - dental floss
  - lotions
  - sunscreen

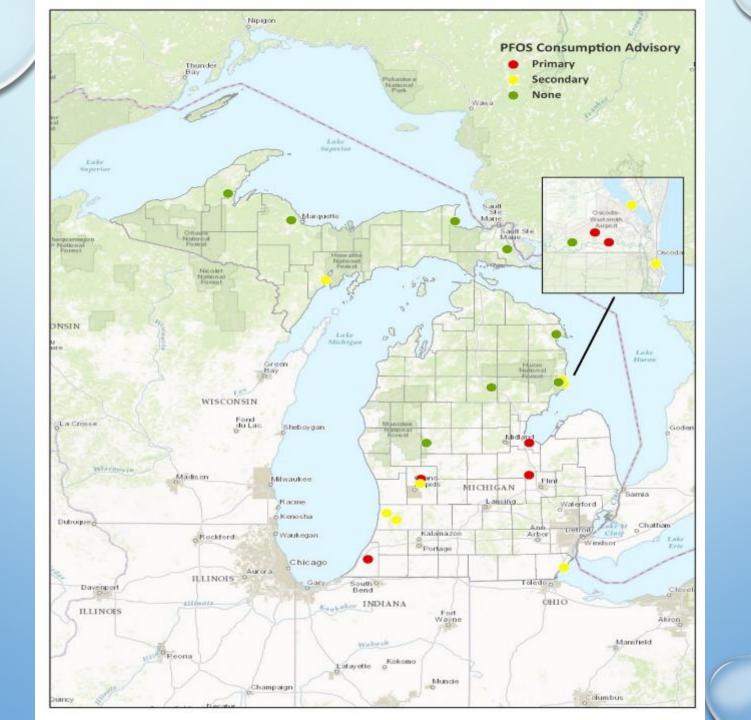


### PFAS of Concern: PFOA

- PFOA: perfluorooctanoic acid (also called "C8")
  - Non-stick coatings
  - Stain- and water-repellant treatment
- Human health exposure: food and drinking water, occupational exposure
- National voluntary phase out, but may still be found

#### PFAS of Concern: PFOS

- PFOS = Perfluorooctane Sulfonate
  - Persistent and Bioaccumulative
  - Human health concerns
  - Associated Fish Consumption Advisories
  - Banned from some uses
  - Manufacture in US stopped voluntarily



## PFOS and Fish Consumption Advisories

#### Flint River

(downstream of Mott Dam)

Type of Fish	Chemicals of Concern	Size of Fish (length in inches)	MI Servings per Month*
Carp	PCBs	Any	Limited▲
Largemouth Bass	PFOS	Any	6 Per Year
Smallmouth Bass	PFOS	Any	6 Per Year

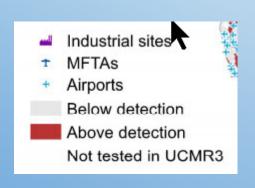
PFOS can't be reduced by trimming and cooking. Do not double MI Servings.

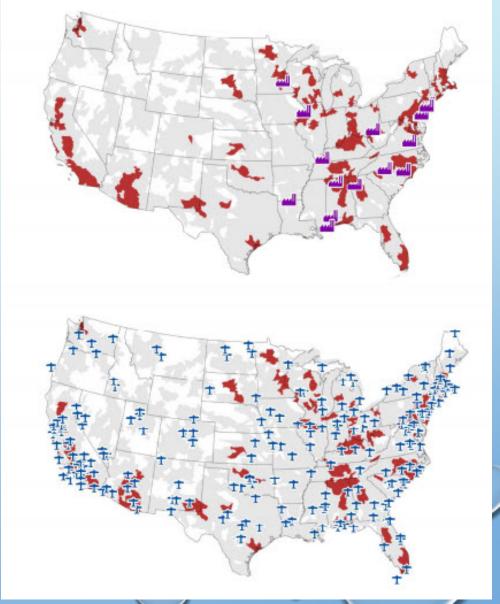
## National Study, ACS, 2016

- PFOS/PFOA found greater than EPA lifetime health advisory (70 ng/l) in public drinking water sources for 6 million US residents
- Number of PFOS/PFOA manufacturers, military fire training areas, and WWTPs in watersheds were significant predictors of PFAS detection in public water supplies.

## ACS Study, 2016

 Industrial sites, military sites, and WWTPs are associated with public water sources with detectable PFAS





## Sources of PFOS & PFOA for WWTPs

- Fume suppressants/demisters/wetting agents for plating tanks
- Leather and fabric treaters, tanneries
- Paper and packaging manufacturers
- Manufacturers of parts with PTFE coatings (bearings, wire, etc)
- Landfills (leachate)
- Centralized Waste Treaters
- AFFF fire fighting foam



#### **PFOS and Platers**



- Used by electroplaters as a demister/defoamer (air pollution control) since mid-1990s; also wetting agent
- Used primarily for tanks with hexavalent chromium
- Banned from electroplating tanks from Sept 2015
- Manufacture largely phased out in US
- Potential source of PFOS to POTWs, surface waters

#### Other Sources of PFOS

- Landfill leachate (esp. from industrial wastes)
- Paper and packaging manufacturers
- Tanneries and Leather/Fabric Treaters
- Potentially Manufacturers of parts with PTFE coatings (bearings, wire, etc.)
- Centralized Waste Treaters accepting above wastes
- Groundwater Cleanup wastewaters from contaminated sites

w/PFOS

 AFFF (aqueous film-forming foam for fire suppression)

#### **PFOS and POTWS**



- Very soluble, heavy
- Passes through conventional POTW processes
- Accumulates in biosolids: water portion (biosolids mostly water) and/or solids?
- Still learning about what happens to PFAS in various environments

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#### **Questions about PFAS**

- Can replacement chemicals (often PFAS) break down and/or become PFOS or PFOA?
- Are replacement chemicals safe?
- What concentrations of PFAS are safe?
- Where should we expect to find PFOS?

DEQ is working with EPA and industry on the answers to these questions

#### Statewide, Multi-media Action



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#### **Taking Action, Protecting Michigan**

#### **Governor's Directive Creates The PFAS Action** Response Team

What You Need to Know About PFAS Contamination

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as PFCs, have been classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency as an emerging contaminant on the national level. PFAS are a suite of chemicals historically used in thousands of applications throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries. They are incredibly stable, breaking down very slowly in the environment, and are highly soluble, easily transferring through soil to groundwater. PFAS contamination has been identified in several locations across the state of Michigan as a result of use in multiple industries across the State. PFAS is used in firefighting foams, food packaging, cleaning products, and various other products. It is also used by many industries such as plating, tanneries, or clothing manufacturers, where waterproofing may be required or a protective film is needed in a manufacturing process.

Governor Snyder and the State of Michigan are taking action to address this issue in a proactive and innovative way. Ten state departments, in coordination with local and federal officials across Michigan, are working together to ensure that the public health and safety of residents is protected while ensuring our environmental heritage is secure for generations of Michiganders to come.

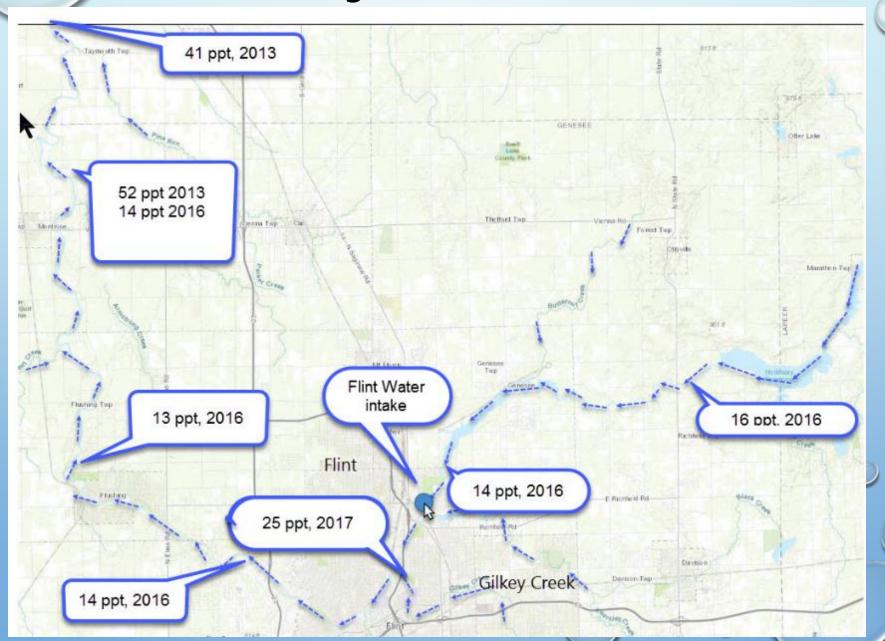
This site is intended to serve as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan. It will be updated regularly as additional facts about the issue and locations impacted becomes available.



#### **DEQ Confirmed PFAS Sites** IRON! MENORMO EMMET PRESQUE ISLE CHARLEVOIX THEFTHAN - GRAND TRAVERSI BENZIE ALCONA. VEGRE OSCODA Mt. Clemens Alpena Alpena Combat Readiness Center (M) Clinton River MANISTEE WEXFORD Alpena Hide and Leather Co. Lake St. Clair Ann Arbor Mt. Pleasant Ann Arbor Municipal Water Supply MASON Roosevelt Refinery HURON Escanaba Oscoda Escanaba Defense Fuel Supply Point (M) O Colbath Road MICILAND Flint McDonald Store Fire (aka F-41) NEWWYGO SANE AC Coldwater Road Landfill Oscoda Area Schools MONTCALM Gilkey Creek Loud Drive (M) MUSKEGON Grayling Van Etten Lake (M) Grayling Area PFA5 (M) ST. CLAIR. CLINTONSHIAWASSE Whispering Pines MHC (M) IONIA. Camp Grayling - Lake Margrethe (M) Wurtsmith AFB (M) Grayling Municipal Wells (M) Plainfield Township INGHAM LIVINGSTON EATON ALLEGAN Gwinn Plainfield Township Municipal Supply K.I. Sawyer AFB (M) State Disposal Landfill Lansing VAN BUREN KALAMAZOO CALHOUN JACKSON Rockford Adams Plating Belmont - House St. RACER - Lansing Plant 3 Rockford Tannery ST JOSEPH BRANCH HILLSDALE Lapeer Tawas Lapeer Plating & Plastics Huron Shores Regional Water Authority (HSRWA) Lapeer WWTP 100 50 (29 Sites) Miles

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## Case Study: Flint River PFOS



Case Study: Flint River PFOS



# Lapeer WWTP



- DEQ found PFOS in discharge in June 2017
- Worked with City to find the source
- City working with source to eliminate PFOS

# Potential Source: Chrome Platers



- PFOS-containing demister in etch baths, electroplating tanks
- Discontinued use in 2013, prior to ban
- Tanks, pits not changed or cleaned since

# Gilkey Creek

- Elevated PFOS, tributary Flint River
- POTW effluent elevated, but not as high as Lapeer
- Gilkey Creek not downstream WWTP
- Took samples upstream and downstream of plater, process wastewater from plater, soils, etc.

Gilkey Creek



## Water Resources Division (WRD) Strategy

- Monitor PFAS in surface waters, fish
- Coordinate with other divisions
- Identify potential sources from info
- Eliminate or minimize sources

#### **WRD Strategy**

- Identify/control sources through existing regulatory programs, including NPDES permits
- Sample PFAS at select WWTPs with routine monitoring
- Sample direct dischargers with potential for PFAS

#### NPDES Requirement: Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP)

- For POTWs w/IPPs: require source evaluation and follow up
- To ensure are not passing through PFOS or PFOA greater than water quality standards
- To prevent interference with management of biosolids
- Current permit requirement, new pollutants



## PFAS Letter

March 12, 2018

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#### **PFAS Letter Overview**

- Conduct Initial Screening
  - Develop a Monitoring Plan
  - Perform Source Monitoring
  - Reduce/Eliminate PFOS & PFOA Sources
  - Evaluate Impacts
  - Submit Interim Report
  - Continue Source Reduction & Monitoring
  - Submit Summary Report

#### **PFAS Letter**

- Conduct Initial Screening of IUs
  - Metal finishers
  - Landfills
  - Contaminated sites
  - CWTs
  - Other PFAS sources
- Document findings



#### **PFAS** Letter

- Develop a Monitoring Plan
  - Decide to monitor all probable sources by June 29, 2018? Go forth! No DEQ preapproval required
  - Want to do something different? Or need an extension? Submit for DEQ approval by May 1, 2018.

MI0023647 v6.0 - City of Mount Clemens NPDES Individual Permit - In Effect	
View as: Groups List	
Not Submitted Open	

- Perform Source Monitoring
  - Sample discharge from probable sources identified in monitoring plan
  - Sampling protocol will be discussed in detail during next presentation





- Reduction & Elimination of Sources
  - Product substitution
  - Operational controls
  - Pretreatment
  - Clean-up





- Evaluating Potential Impacts to POTW
  - Effluent monitoring if sources are discharging
     PFOS and/or PFOA to POTW
  - Report to DEQ if effluent values are above WQS within 10 days

	HNV (nondrinking)	HNV (drinking)	FCV	FAV	AMV
PFOS (ng/L)	12	11	140,000	1,600,000	780,000
PFOA (ng/L)	12,000	420	880,000	15,000,000	7,700,000

Additional monitoring may be required

- Interim Report
  - Summarize evaluation and data collected
  - Provide documentation
  - Submit report in MiWaters



DUE JUNE 29, 2018

- Continue Source Reduction & Monitoring
  - Conduct follow-up monitoring of sources and at WWTP
- DEQ may require additional monitoring or specific actions based on interim report

- Summary Report
  - Results of any additional monitoring data: WWTP effluent, biosolids, or source monitoring
  - Summary of PFOS and/or PFOA source reduction and/or elimination efforts
  - Submit report in MiWaters

DUE OCTOBER 26, 2018



### Sampling and Analysis of PFAS

- Use your SOPs for sampling. Safety first!
- Plan for each site/situation
- Avoid Cross Contamination
- Analysis Issues:
  - ASTM D7979
  - EPA Method 537 (modified)
  - Analytes
- Laboratories

## Sampling and Analysis of PFAS: Your Monitoring Plan

- Purpose: screening, confirmation, enforcement?
- Where to sample (effluent, in-house sources, collection system?)
- Order of sampling
  - Least contaminated first, PFAS first
- Type of Sample (grab if representative)
- How to sample: Plan for each site/situation<sup>5</sup>

## Sampling and Analysis of PFAS: Your Monitoring Plan

- Preservation (ice)
- Transportation/shipping
- Laboratory
- Method of analysis
- Modify as needed—Safety first!
- Document any deviations from the plan

### How to Sample: Avoid Cross Contamination

- Sample in lab-supplied sample bottle if possible
- Be careful of
  - what you wear
  - sampling equipment
  - what you touch
  - what touches the sample

### **Avoid Cross Contamination: What to Wear?**

- Cotton or synthetic clothing without stain- or water-resistant coatings
- PVC or wax-coated clothing, neoprene
- Well-laundered clothing
- Powderless nitrile gloves
- Polyurethane and PVC boots or PFAS-free overboots
- Safety First! Use common sense

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## Avoid Cross Contamination: What Not to Wear

- Clothing with stain- or water-resistant coatings
- New clothing
- Clothing laundered with fabric softener
- Latex and/or powdered gloves
- Boots with water-resistant coatings if possible
- Day of sampling: no lotions, cosmetics or most sunscreens, most insect repellent, dental floss
- Safety First! Use common sense

### **Avoid Cross Contamination: Gear**

- Clothing/Gear generally ok if made with:
  - Polyurethane
  - Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
  - Rubber
  - Neoprene
  - Uncoated Tyvek® Material

## Avoid Cross Contamination: Sampling Equipment

- Bottles: HDPE or polypropylene
  - Laboratory-provided preferred
  - Thin HDPE sheeting, HDPE pipe
  - Sample sticks: uncoated, un-taped metal.
     Avoid tape, non-stick coatings (metal spring, rubber bands, zip tie ok to hold bottle)
  - Ice (regular ice double bagged--LDPE-Ziploc®)
  - Decon: lab-supplied DI water, Alconox®,
     Liquinox®

## Avoid Cross Contamination: What you touch/what touches sample

- No fast food in staging or sample areas—wash hands after eating
- Water and hydration drinks ok in staging area
- Wash hands after putting on boot covers, before gloving up for sampling
- If storing samples on, cover vehicle seats/carpet with cotton or HDPE sheeting
- Use aluminum clipboards
- Use ballpoint pens and loose plain paper

## Avoid Cross Contamination: Equipment

- PFAS are sticky—least handling is best
- Use peristaltic or stainless-steel submersible pumps (when necessary grabs better)
- HDPE, PP, silicone materials, and stainless steel generally ok as sampling equipment (e.g., tubing, spoons, or bowls)

### Avoid Cross Contamination: <u>Don't</u> Use

- Plastic clipboards, binders, spiral notebooks
- Waterproof field books
- Decon 90
- Chemical or Blue Ice
- Teflon® lined caps, tubing, etc.
- Aluminum foil
- Glass jars, LDPE

## QA/QC: Equipment Blanks, Field Blanks, Duplicates

- Not required for screening samples
- Once source is found, good for verification
- May be necessary for compliance and enforcement actions down the road
- If sampling equipment is used, verify with equipment blanks prior to sampling
- Use lab-certified PFAS-free water

### **Test Methods**

- EPA: in external validation process for ASTM D7979 LC/MS/MS; isotope dilution method thereafter?
- DOD specifications: isotope dilution method
- Common for "EPA Method 537(mod)" to mean isotope dilution method
- Concern: "modified" can vary widely
- QA/QC important

### **Analytes**

- There are over 3,000 PFAS
- Which ones to request results?
- Most laboratories have established their own lists; each different
- DEQ is establishing a standard list; we'll post at <u>www.Michigan.gov/IPP</u>

### **Analytes**

- If other PFAS are known and of concern, you may request your lab to analyze for those as well
- Otherwise, request recommended analytes
   (DEQ's draft minimum analytes)

### Recommended Analytes List (DRAFT)

PFAS Substance¹	Acronym	Fluorinated Carbon Chain Length	Molecular Formula	CAS Registry Number	Minimal Analyte List²
Perfluorobutanoic Acid	PFBA	C <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>7</sub> COOH	375-22-4	х
Perfluoropentanoic Acid	PFPeA	C <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>9</sub> COOH	2706-90-3	х
Perfluorohexanoic Acid	PFHxA	C <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>11</sub> COOH	307-24-4	х
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid	PFHpA	C <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>13</sub> COOH	375-85-9	х
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	PFOA	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> F <sub>15</sub> COOH	335-67-1	х
Perfluorononanoic Acid	PFNA	C <sub>9</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> COOH	375-95-1	х
Perfluorodecanoic Acid	PFDA	C <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>9</sub> F <sub>19</sub> COOH	335-76-2	х
Perfluoroundecanoic Acid	PFUnDA	C <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>21</sub> COOH	2058-94-8	х
Perfluorododecanoic Acid	PFDoDA	C <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>11</sub> F <sub>23</sub> COOH	307-55-1	х
Perfluorotridecanoic Acid	PFTrDA	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> F <sub>25</sub> COOH	72629-94-8	х
Perfluorotetradecanoic Acid	PFTeDA	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> F <sub>27</sub> COOH	376-06-7	х
Perfluorobutane Sulfonic acid	PFBS	C <sub>4</sub>	C₄F <sub>9</sub> SO₃H	375-73-5	х
Perfluoropentane sulfonic acid	PFPeS	C <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>11</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	2706-91-4	х
Perfluorohexane Sulfonic acid	PFHxS	C <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>13</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	355-46-4	х
Perfluoroheptane Sulfonic acid	PFHpS	C <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> F <sub>15</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	375-92-8	х
Perfluorooctane Sulfonic acid	PFOS	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	1763-23-1	х
Perfluorononane sulfonic acid	PFNS	C <sub>9</sub>	C <sub>9</sub> F <sub>19</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	474511-07-4	х
Perfluorodecane Sulfonic acid	PFDS	C <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>10</sub> F <sub>21</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	335-77-3	х
Perfluorooctane sulfonamide	FOSA	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	754-91-6	х
4:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	4:2 FTSA	C <sub>4</sub>		757124-72-4	х
6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	6:2 FTSA	C <sub>6</sub>		27619-97-2	х
8:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	8:2 FTSA	C <sub>8</sub>	<sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>5</sub>	39108-34-4	х
N-Ethyl perfluorooctane sulfonamidoacetic acid	EtFOSAA	C <sub>8</sub>	$C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_2$ $H_5)CH_2COOH$	2991-50-6	х
N-Methyl perfluorooctane sulfonamide	N-MeFOSA	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH( CH <sub>3</sub> )	31506-32-8	х

<sup>1.</sup> Branched and linear isomers should both be reported

<sup>2.</sup> This list is based upon a draft EPA list that is likely to change in the future and it is also based upon contaminants found by MDEQ in Michigan's environment as of 3/1/2018. It should not be assumed that this list is a permanent, exhaustive lists and updates as the science of PFAS contamination and analysis continues to evolve

### Laboratories

- No DEQ certification for wastewater laboratories
- Choose a Lab with good QA/QC
- Starting point: DOD ELAP accredited
   laboratories for "EPA 537 Mod"

HTTP://WWW.DENIX.OSD.MIL/EDQW/A
CCREDITATION/ACCREDITEDLABS/



# IPP PFAS Resources and Assistance

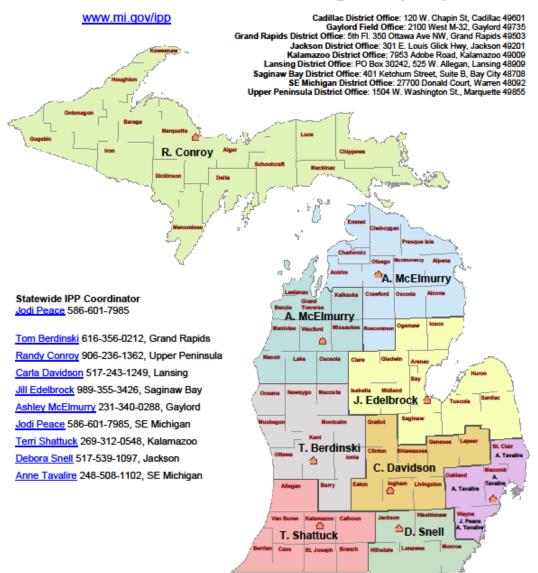
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## Overview

- To identify useful resources to assist POTW staff in the IPP PFAS effort
  - DEQ staff resources
  - Useful websites

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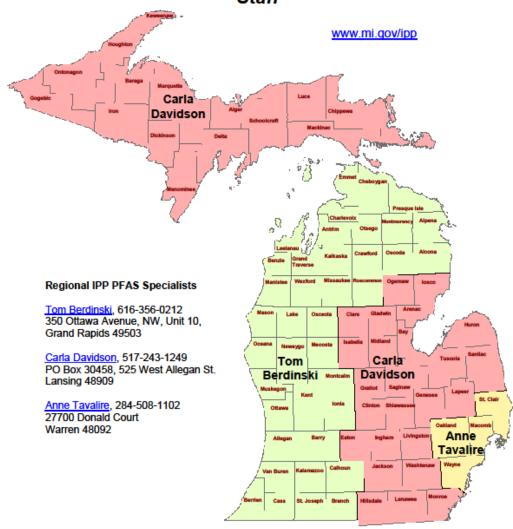
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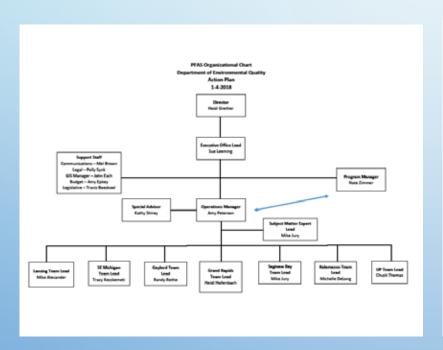
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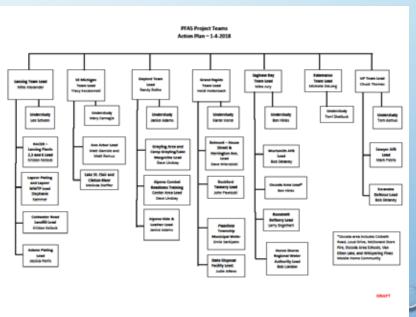
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### MORE DEQ RESOURCES

#### PFAS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACTION PLAN





### **Useful Website Resources**

\* DEQ IPP and EPA PFAS websites

- \* PFAS history, uses & sources websites
  - \* Other PFAS websites of interest

## DEQ IPP AND EPA PFAS WEBSITES

#### **DEQ Industrial Pretreatment**

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313 71618 3682 3683 3721---,00.html

Several links to useful PFAS resources, more in the future including IPP PFAS FAQs, sampling guidance and more

### Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs): What EPA is Doing

https://www.epa.gov/pfas/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfass-what-epa-doing

Overview of laws and regulations (including test methods) that are applicable as well as a sidebar on sites around the country – Also, the "Emerging Contaminant Fact Sheet – PFOS and PFOA"

### PFAS History, Uses and Sources

### Interstate Technology Regulatory Council

https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org

"History and Use of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)"

Sector	Example Uses	References
Textiles & Leather	Factory- or consumer-applied coating to repel water, oil, and stains. Applications include protective clothing and outerwear, umbrellas, tents, sails, architectural materials, carpets, and upholstery.	Rao and Baker 1994; Hekster, Laane, and de Voogt 2003; Brooke, Footitt, and Nwaogu 2004; Poulsen et al. 2005; Prevedouros et al. 2006; Walters and Santillo 2006; Trudel et al. 2008; Guo et al. 2009; USEPA 2009a; Ahrens 2011; Buck et al. 2011; UNEP 2011; Herzke, Olsson, and Posner 2012; Patagonia 2015; Kotthoff et al. 2015; ATSDR 2015
Paper Products	Surface coatings to repel grease and moisture. Uses include non-food paper packaging (for example, cardboard, carbonless forms, masking papers) and food-contact materials (for example, pizza boxes, fast food wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, baking papers, pet food bags).	Rao and Baker 1994; Kissa 2001; Hekster, Laane, and de Voogt 2003; Poulsen et al. 2005; Trudel et al. 2008; Buck et al. 2011; UNEP 2011; Kotthoff et al. 2015; Schaider et al. 2017
Metal Plating & Etching	Corrosion prevention, mechanical wear reduction, aesthetic enhancement, surfactant, wetting agent/fume suppressant for chrome, copper, nickel and tin electroplating, and postplating cleaner.	USEPA 1996; USEPA 1998; Kissa 2001; Prevedouros et al. 2006; USEPA 2009b; UNEP 2011; OSHA 2013; KEMI 2015; Danish EPA 2015
Wire Manufacturing	Coating and insulation.	Kissa 2001; van der Putte et al. 2010; ASTSWMO 2015
Industrial Surfactants, Resins, Molds, Plastics	Manufacture of plastics and fluoropolymers, rubber, and compression mold release	Kissa 2001; Renner 2001; Poulsen et al. 2005; Fricke and Lahl 2005;

### PFAS History, Uses and Sources

### KEMI – Swedish Chemicals Agency

https://www.kemi.se/global/rapporter/2015/report-7-15-occurrence-and-use-of-highly-fluorinated-substances-and-alternatives.pdf

"Occurrence and use of highly fluorinated substances and alternatives"

#### 6.2.6 Metal (hard- and decorative-chrome plating)

Fluorine-based surfactants are used as wetting agents in hard chrome plating processes<sup>28</sup> because they effectively reduce surface tension. During chrome plating hydrogen gas and oxygen gas are released from the chromium bath, drawing chromium vapour with them into the surrounding air.

The use of PFOS in non-decorative hard chrome plating is authorized under the Stockholm Convention<sup>29</sup>. PFOS-related substances reduce surface tension in the chromium (VI) bath and form a barrier over the bath, thereby inhibiting the release of chromium vapour (the Swedish Chemicals Agency 2004). Other wetting agents are broken down more or less rapidly under the conditions prevailing in the chromium bath (which are strongly corrosive and oxidizing). Chromium (VI) is carcinogenic and therefore its emission is regulated in order to protect workers from exposure in the work environment.

Examples of areas in which hard chrome plated metal is used are wheel bearings and couplings for the rail industry, hydraulic cylinders and moulds for the plastics and rubber industries. Before 2010 circa 200 kg PFOS was used each year by the hard chrome plating industry in Sweden. Now usage is circa 180 kg/year. According to information (Glas 2013) there are seven hard chrome plating facilities in Sweden, three of which use PFOS. Non-decorative hard chrome plating accounts for 95 percent of the market. Because of internationalization of the machine industry over recent decades, a number of companies have disappeared from the sector.

### PFAS History, Uses and Sources

### <u>United Nations Environment Programme</u>

https://www.oecd.org/env/ehs/risk-management/PFC\_FINAL-Web.pdf

"Synthesis Paper on Per- and Polyfluorinated Chemicals (PFCS)"

Table 2: Overview of major historical and current uses of polymeric per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs). It should also be noted that some uses may be obsolete and replaced by (non)fluorinated alternatives, which are discussed in Chapter 3. AR-AFFF = alcohol-resistant aqueous fire-fighting foams, FFFPs = film-forming fluoroprotein; FP = fluoroprotein foam.

Industry branch		Polymers	
1. Automotive	raw materials for components such as low-friction bearings & seals <sup>9</sup>		lubricants <sup>8</sup>
2. Aviation, aerospace & defense	insulators; 10 "solder sleeves"; 10		
3. Cable & wiring	coating for weathering, flame and soil resistance <sup>9</sup>		surface-treatment agent for conserving landmarks <sup>8</sup>
4. Construction	coating of architectural materials (fabrics, metals, stone, tiles, etc.); <sup>8</sup> additives in paints		

### OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- HUMAN HEALTH RELATED WEBSITES:
  - MICHIGAN.GOV ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH "FREQUENTLY ASKED PFAS QUESTIONS"
    - HTTP://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/SOM/0,4669,7-192-45414\_45929\_83470\_83473-452154--,00.HTML
  - NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH'S "PFCS"
    - HTTPS://WWW.NIEHS.NIH.GOV/HEALTH/MATERIALS/PERFLOURINATED\_CHEMICAL S 508.PDF
  - - HTTPS://WWW.ATSDR.CDC.GOV/PFAS/INDEX.HTML

### OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- PFAS STUDIES AND WEBSITES:
  - MICHIGAN'S TOXICS STEERING GROUP "PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS IN MICHIGAN – CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS"
    - HTTP://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/DEQ/0,4561,7-135-3307\_29693\_32185---,00.HTML
  - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SEARCH "PFAS"
    - HTTPS://PUBS.ACS.ORG/JOURNAL/ESTHAG
  - EPA REGION 5 "PFOS CHROMIUM ELECTROPLATER STUDY" (2009)
    - HTTPS://WWW.IN.GOV/IDEM/CTAP/FILES/PLATING\_CHROMIUM\_PFOS\_ STUDY.PDF

### OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- PFAS TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES AND BIOSOLIDS INFORMATION:
  - AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION "PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS – TREATMENT AND REMOVAL"
    - <u>WWW.AWWA.ORG</u>
  - NORTHEAST BIOSOLIDS AND RESIDUALS ASSOCIATION "PFAS IN BIOSOLIDS"
    - WWW.NEBIOSOLIDS.ORG

