

# **PFAS in Florida Why It Matters...**

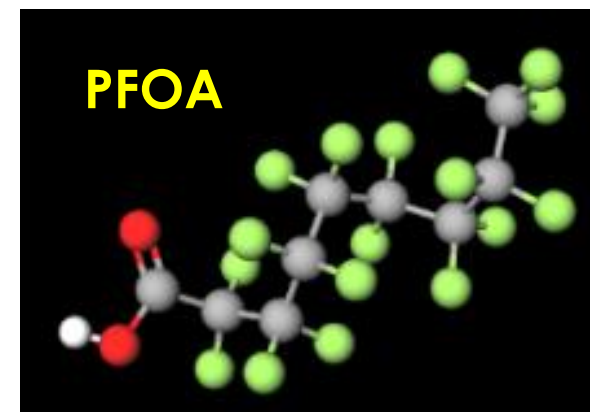
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# PFAS 101: Per- & Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances

- Fluorinated organic compounds were developed commercially around WWII
- All are man-made
- A confusing array of names:  
Organofluorine chemicals,  
Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs),  
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



**“The Forever Chemicals”**

# PFAS 101:

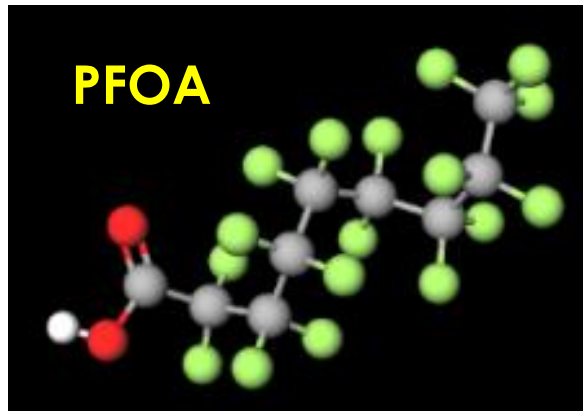
## Per- & Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances

- Amazing surfactant properties !
- Used on textiles, carpets, paper, paints, cosmetics, coatings... Used as lubricants, flame retardants, solvents for polymers, fire-fighting foams...

**More than 200 commercial uses** (*Glüge, et al. 2020*)



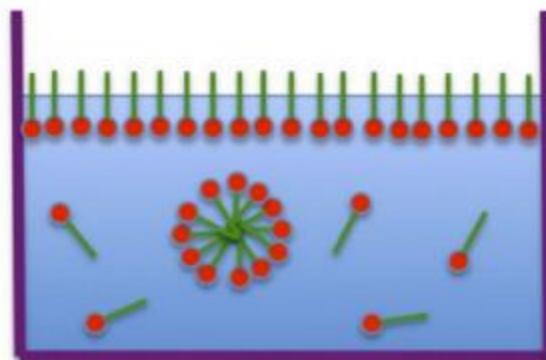
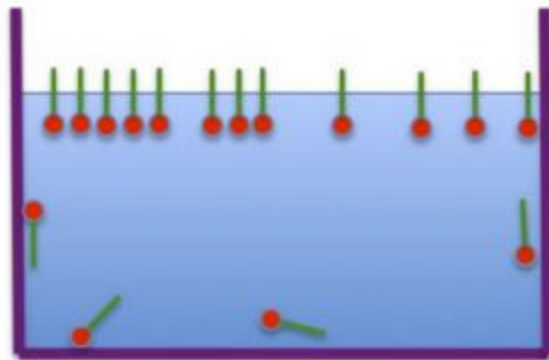
# What make PFAS so good?



Surfactant

Hydrophilic part

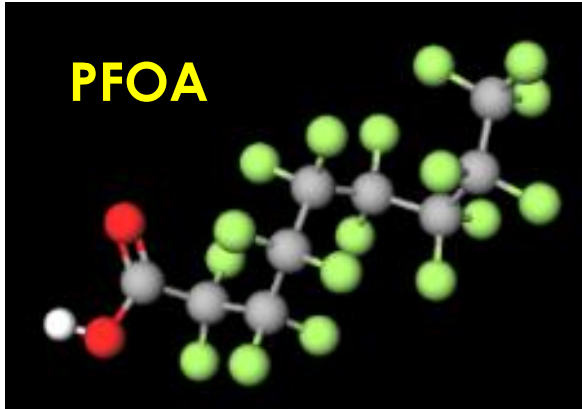
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Average Bond Energies (kJ/mol)

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H—H	432
H—F	565
H—Cl	427
H—Br	363
H—I	295
C—H	413
C—C	347
C—Si	301
C—N	305
C—O	358
C—P	264
C—S	259
C—F	453
C—Cl	339
C—Br	276
C—I	216

# So what is the problem?



The carbon-fluorine bond is very hard to break...

These compounds have environmental lifetimes  $\approx 100$ 's of years or more!

Many have no known biotic or abiotic degradation pathways....

**ENVIRONMENTAL PERSISTENCE**

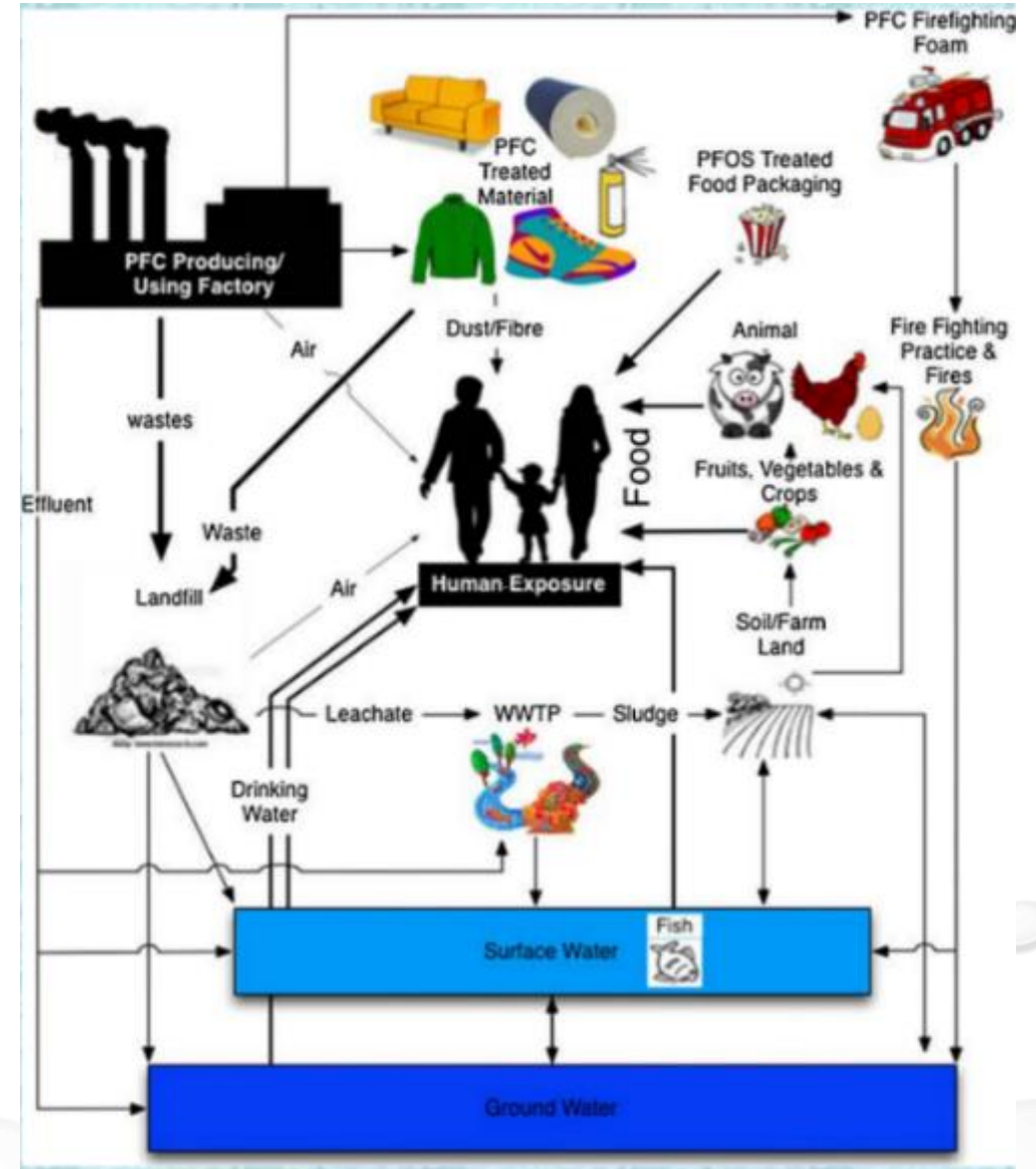
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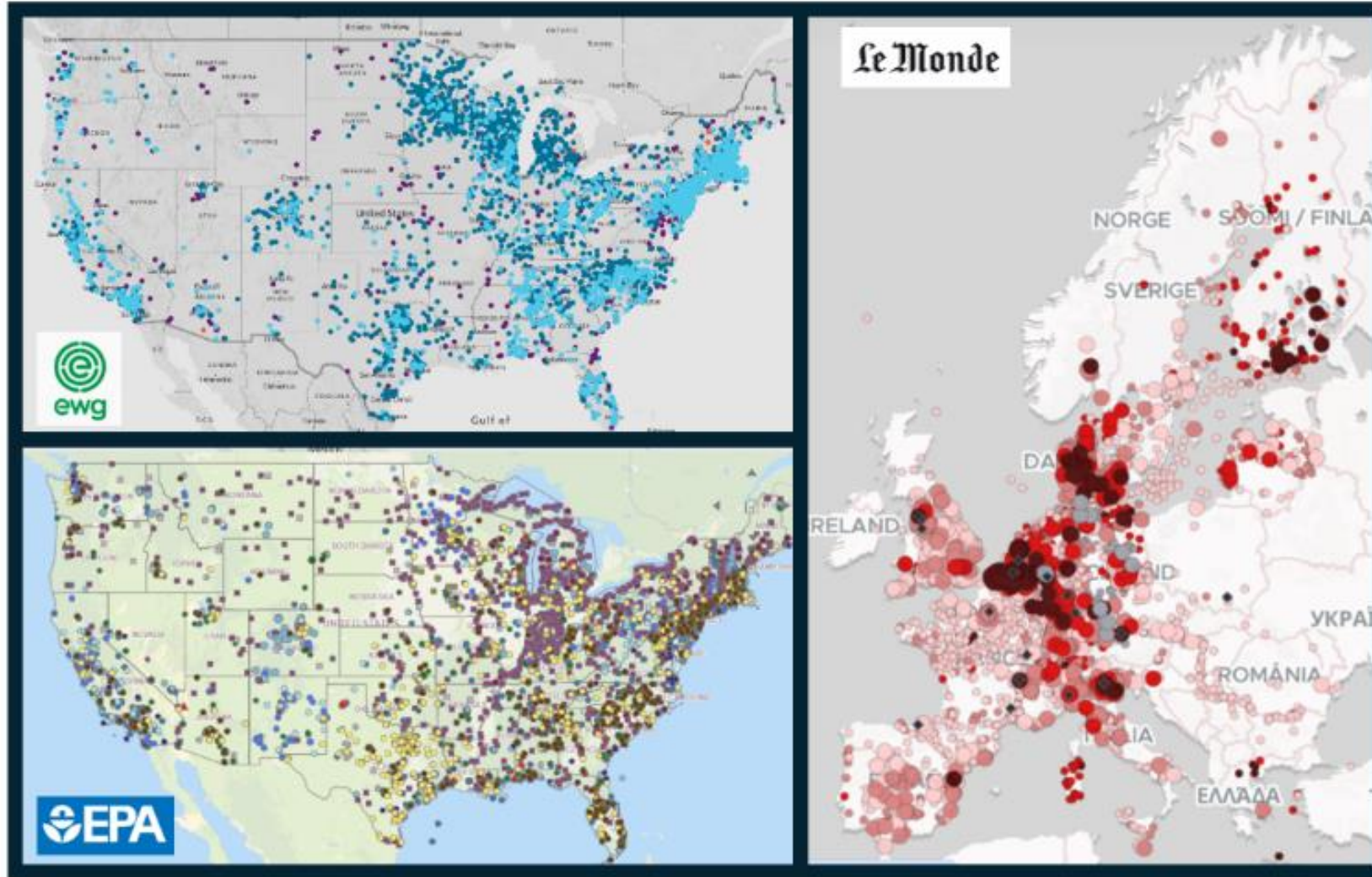
# Environmental Persistence

PFAS do not degrade...

Pass through Waste-Water Treatment Plant...



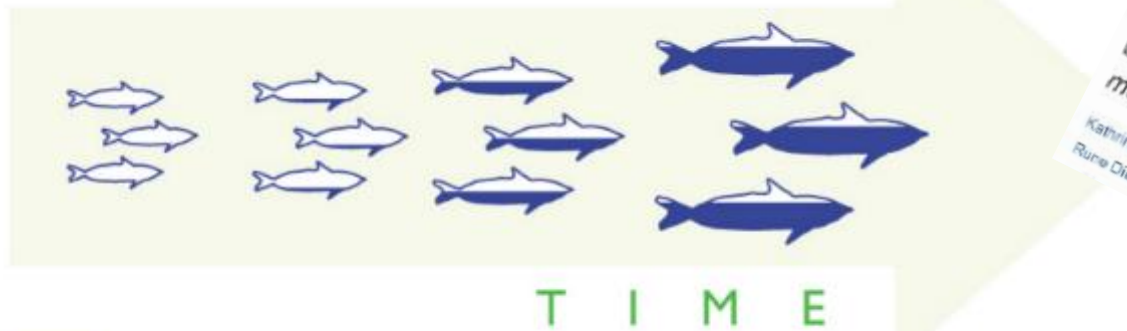
# PFAS: Contamination



1. Environmental Working Group, map of PFAS contamination: [https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/pfas\\_contamination/map/](https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/pfas_contamination/map/)
2. US Environmental Protection Agency ECHO website: [https://awsedap.epa.gov/public/extensions/PFAS\\_Tools/PFAS\\_Tools.html](https://awsedap.epa.gov/public/extensions/PFAS_Tools/PFAS_Tools.html)
3. LeMonde European PFAS website: [https://www.lemonde.fr/en/les-decodeurs/article/2023/02/23/forever-pollution-explore-the-map-of-europe-s-pfas-contamination\\_6016905\\_8.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/les-decodeurs/article/2023/02/23/forever-pollution-explore-the-map-of-europe-s-pfas-contamination_6016905_8.html)

# Bioaccumulation & Biomagnification

## Bioaccumulation

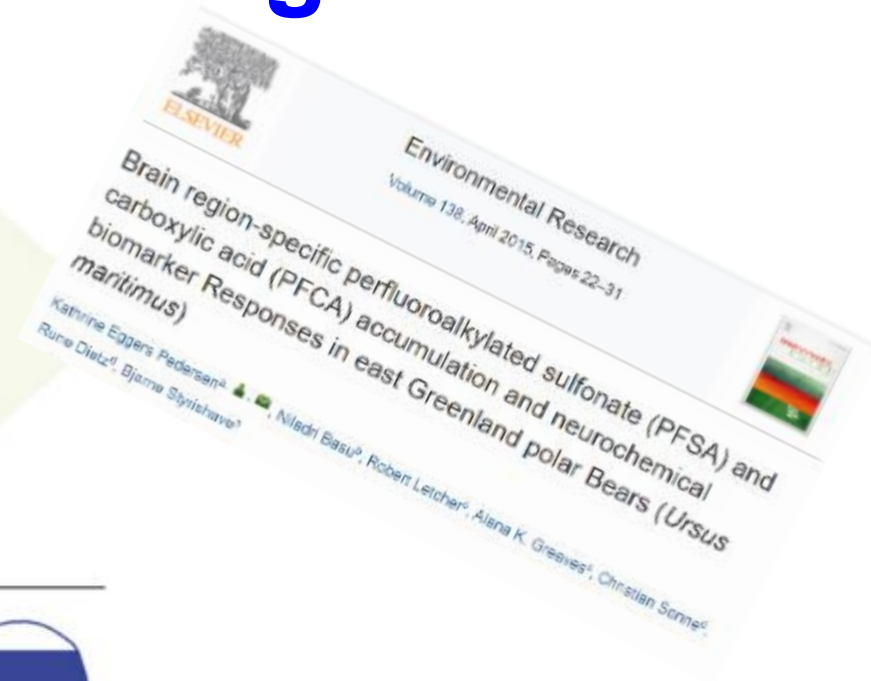


Contaminant levels



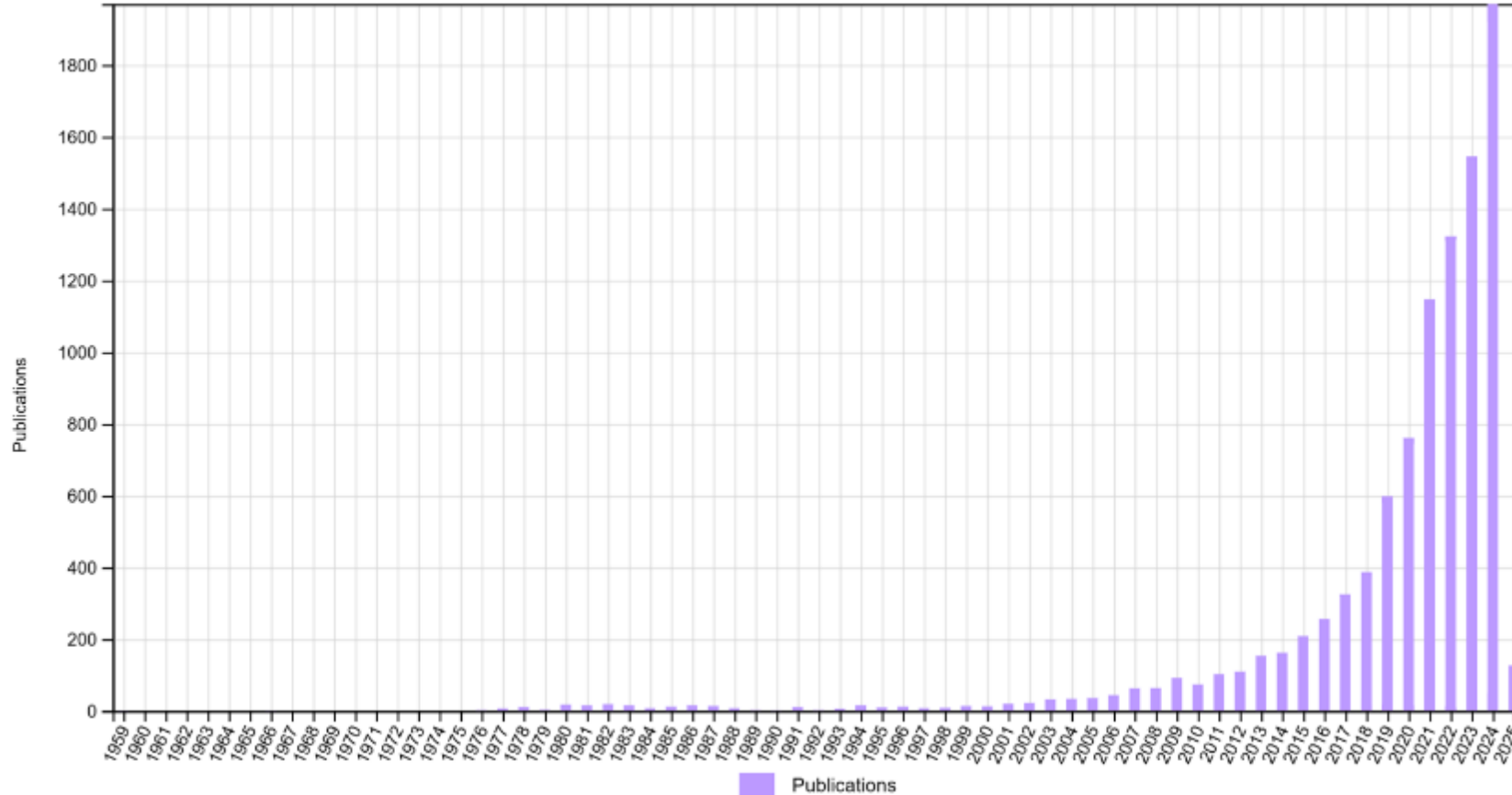
Contaminant levels

## Biomagnification



**Polar bears: ~ 88ppb PFOA & PFOS**  
**Humans (North America): ~ 5 ppb PFOA & PFOS**

# PFAS & Human Health Publications



- Liver malfunction
- Thyroid disease
- Hormonal changes
- Hypertension
- Low birth weight
- Cancer
- Immune system reduction

Source: Web of Science

# PFAS & Human Health Publications

<http://www.c8sciencepanel.org/index.html>

**In 2012, PFOA linked to**

- **Liver malfunction**
- **Thyroid disease**
- **Hypertension**
- **Preeclampsia**
- **Kidney Cancer**
- **Testicular Cancer**

**69,000 blood samples – Little Hocking, OH**

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## Original Contribution

January 25, 2012

### Serum Vaccine Antibody Concentrations in Children Exposed to Perfluorinated Compounds

Philippe Grandjean, MD, DMSc; Elisabeth Wreford Andersen, PhD; Esben Budtz-Jørgensen, PhD; [et al](#)

## JAMA

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<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/1104903>

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# PFAS & Human Health Publications

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41370-024-00742-2>

**In 2025, PFAS linked to:**

Article | [Open access](#) | Published: 09 January 2025

**Associations between per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and county-level cancer incidence between 2016 and 2021 and incident cancer burden attributable to PFAS in drinking water in the United States**

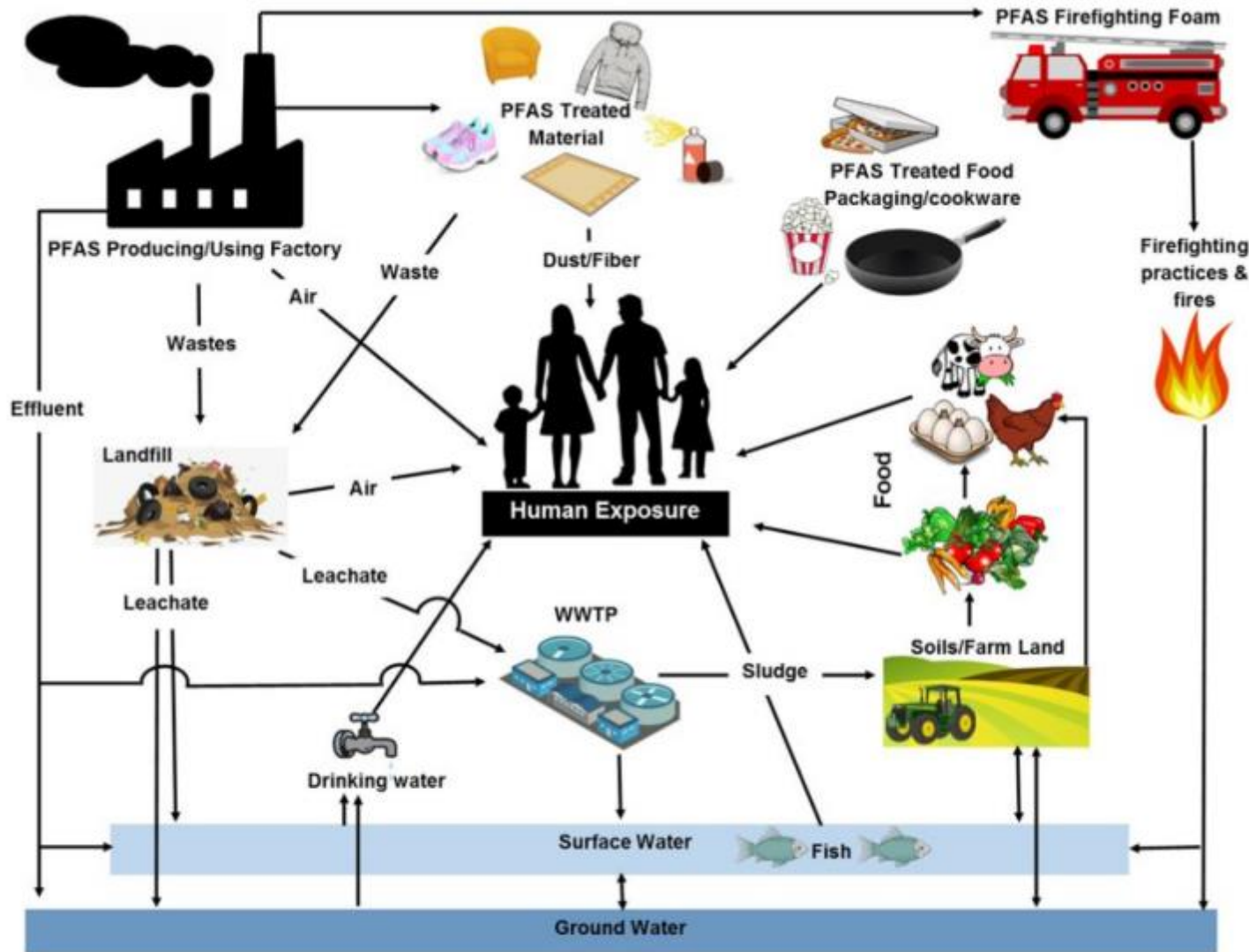
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- **Thyroid cancer,**
- **Oral cavity cancers,**
- **Soft tissue cancers**
- **Urinary cancers,**
- **Brain cancers,**
- **Leukemia,**
- **Soft tissue cancers.**

**“PFAS in drinking water is estimated to contribute to 4626 incident cancer cases per year based on UCMR3 data and 6864 based on UCMR5.”**

# PFAS Exposure



- Most PFAS exposure comes from a lifetime of drinking water...
- Second most exposure comes from what we eat...
- Inhalation and dermal sorption are non-zero...

*Human Exposure and sources of PFAS  
Image: DWP, adapted from Oliaei et al. 2013.*

# PFAS Exposure

- **Former EPA Office of Water director:**  
**“PFAS is the most expensive contamination the US has ever faced”**

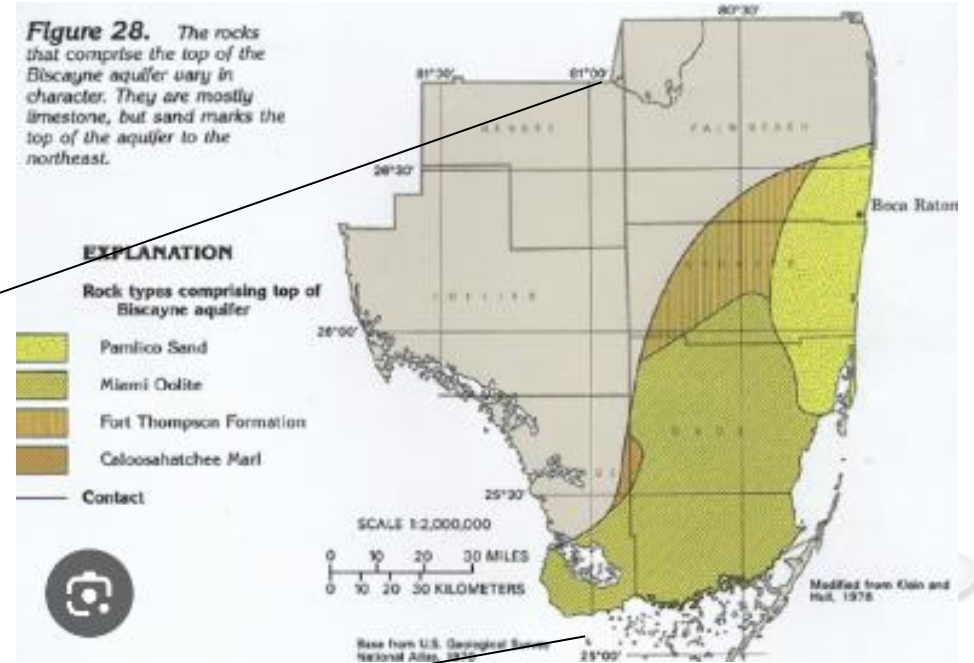
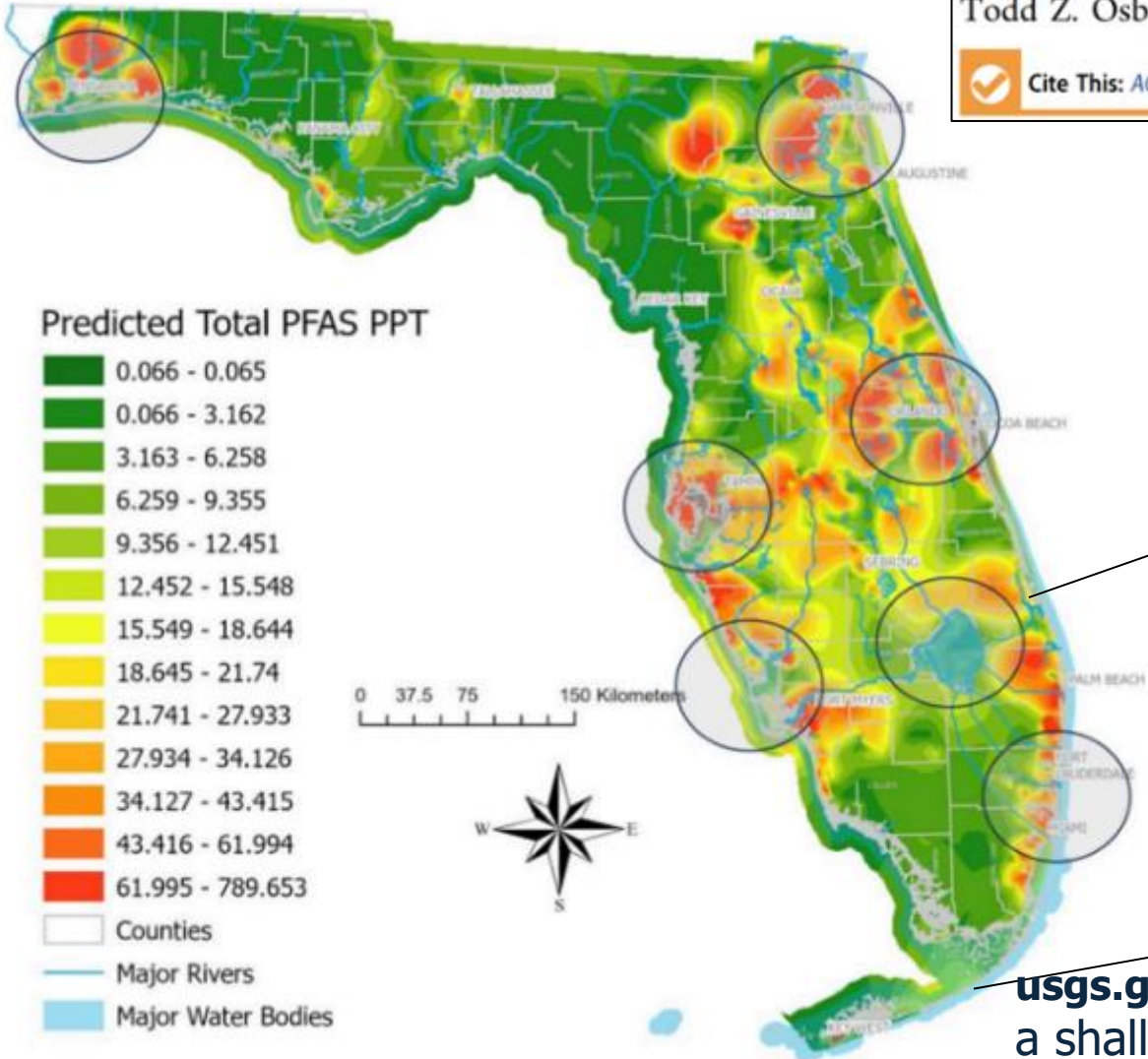
**That covers the background material quickly –  
Let’s look at Florida...**

# Statewide Surveillance and Mapping of PFAS in Florida Surface Water

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[usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch\\_g/G-Biscayne.html](https://usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch_g/G-Biscayne.html) = The Biscayne Aquifer, a shallow, largely uncontained aquifer in southern Florida.

**Table 1. Concentrations and Frequencies of Individual PFAS (and Sum,  $\Sigma$ ) across the State of Florida<sup>a</sup>**

PFAS	frequency detection	frequency quantified	frequency by county	mean (ng/L)	max (ng/L)	median (ng/L)
PFOA	94%	83%	100%	5	81	3
PFBS	65%	64%	93%	5	48	4
PFHxA	61%	61%	82%	6	180	4
PFNA	54%	39%	96%	2	352	1
PFOS	53%	48%	91%	10	1135	6
PFHpA	53%	44%	87%	5	84	4
PFHxS	50%	17%	94%	17	365	12
PFDA	33%	16%	90%	2	27	2
Syn35	24%	1%	75%	6	24	5
PFHxPA	16%	14%	54%	15	322	10
FBSA	11%	11%	42%	5	85	5
Syn32	9%	6%	21%	1	7	1
PFPrS	5%	3%	51%	5	24	4
PFUdA	4%	4%	42%	3	114	2
PFPeS	3%	0%	36%	29	58	20
4_2FTS	3%	0%	25%	1	1	1
PFDoA	3%	2%	25%	1	4	1
PFECHS	3%	0%	31%	2	5	2
FHxSA	2%	2%	27%	19	320	10
Oak6	2%	0%	22%	1	3	1
Syn34	2%	NA	24%	NA	NA	NA
P4MOA	2%	0%	13%	4	12	2
$\Sigma$ PFAS	NA	NA	NA	29	3048	13

<sup>a</sup>Data for all sampling sites ( $n = 2323$ ) sorted by detection frequency. Excluding those PFAS with less than 30 detection hits (<2% of samples). The complete list of PFAS summary data can be found in [Supporting Information Table S9](#). Peaks determined to be < LOD or < LOQ were not utilized in calculating the mean or median concentrations. However, peaks LOD <  $x$  < LOQ were used in calculating detection frequency. Internal laboratory abbreviations defined as perfluoro-3,7-dimethyloctanoic acid (Syn35), 7H-perfluoro-4-methyl-3,6-dioxaoctanesulfonic acid (Syn32), 7H-dodecafluoroheptanoic acid (Oak6), and perfluorobutanesulfinic acid (Syn34).

**Table 2. Top Counties for Hits above the Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFOA and PFOS (4 ng/L for Both)<sup>a,b</sup>**

county	no. samples > 4 ng/L PFOA	county	no. samples > 4 ng/L PFOS
<b>Pinellas (n = 120)</b>	84 (70%)	<b>Pinellas (n = 120)</b>	100 (83%)
Hillsborough (n = 89)	61 (69%)	Miami-Dade (n = 104)	71 (68%)
Brevard (n = 88)	56 (64%)	Sarasota (n = 91)	64 (70%)
Orange (n = 57)	49 (86%)	Brevard (n = 88)	61 (69%)
Alachua (n = 80)	48 (60%)	Hillsborough (n = 89)	62 (70%)
Miami-Dade (n = 104)	48 (46%)	Alachua (n = 80)	49 (61%)
Sarasota (n = 91)	47 (52%)	Monroe (n = 95)	49 (52%)
<b>Palm Beach (n = 113)</b>	43 (38%)	Orange (n = 57)	37 (65%)
Polk (n = 57)	43 (75%)	Okaloosa (n = 49)	38 (78%)
Broward (n = 63)	36 (57%)	<b>Palm Beach (n = 113)</b>	36 (32%)
Volusia (n = 58)	30 (52%)	Duval (n = 59)	31 (53%)
Lee (n = 50)	28 (56%)	St. Johns (n = 62)	30 (48%)
Duval (n = 59)	27 (46%)	Lee (n = 50)	26 (52%)
Collier (n = 98)	23 (23%)	Volusia (n = 58)	23 (40%)
St. Johns (n = 62)	22 (35%)	Broward (n = 63)	18 (29%)
Martin (n = 41)	20 (49%)	Manatee (n = 43)	18 (42%)
Seminole (n = 22)	20 (91%)	Polk (n = 57)	18 (32%)
Osceola (n = 26)	17 (65%)	Highlands (n = 25)	17 (68%)
Lake (n = 42)	16 (38%)	Martin (n = 41)	16 (39%)
Clay (n = 18)	15 (83%)	Osceola (n = 26)	16 (62%)
Pasco (n = 32)	15 (47%)	Clay (n = 18)	14 (78%)
Escambia (n = 52)	14 (27%)	Nassau (n = 42)	12 (29%)
Highlands (n = 25)	13 (52%)	Collier (n = 98)	10 (10%)
Manatee (n = 43)	13 (30%)	Lake (n = 42)	10 (24%)
Nassau (n = 42)	13 (31%)		
Charlotte (n = 49)	12 (24%)		
Okaloosa (n = 49)	10 (20%)		

**Table 3. PFAS Concentration (ng/L) by Florida County<sup>a</sup>**

Florida county	no of samples	max ΣPFAS (ng/L)	mean ΣPFAS (ng/L)	standard deviation ΣPFAS (ng/L)	median ΣPFAS (ng/L)	no. unique PFAS <sup>b</sup>	Florida county	no of samples	max ΣPFAS (ng/L)	mean ΣPFAS (ng/L)	standard deviation ΣPFAS (ng/L)	median ΣPFAS (ng/L)	no. unique PFAS <sup>b</sup>
Alachua	80	411	56	74	49	19	Lee	50	141	32	29	22	21
Baker	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	Leon	21	42	10	11	5	14
Bay	41	279	16	49	4	15	Levy	16	NA	NA	NA	NA	4
Bradford	4	32	20	10	20	8	Liberty	3	19	11	8	11	9
Brevard	88	239	50	41	51	17	Madison	5	9	5	5	5	9
Broward	63	3048	71	385	16	19	Manatee	43	101	21	24	10	12
Calhoun	6	15	6	6	2	9	Marion	29	40	12	11	11	14
Charlotte	49	152	15	23	9	12	Martin	41	25	8	6	5	8
Citrus	35	15	15	15	15	4	Miami-Dade	104	86	24	21	18	17
Clay	18	141	46	43	29	14	Monroe	95	226	15	29	8	23
Collier	98	88	14	18	6	15	Nassau	42	90	16	22	4	15
Columbia	14	170	26	45	13	16	Okaloosa	49	185	31	42	12	18
DeSoto	8	29	22	7	22	9	Okeechobee	12	21	12	4	14	6
Dixie	14	5	3	3	3	4	Orange	57	133	36	26	26	20
Duval	59	867	62	135	26	16	Osceola	26	524	55	99	39	20
Escambia	52	118	12	21	4	11	<b>Palm Beach</b>	113	465	27	52	13	20
Flagler	26	17	9	8	6	10	Pasco	32	76	15	17	8	12
Franklin	25	10	4	3	4	11	<b>Pinellas</b>	120	500	56	60	41	25
Gadsden	6	18	10	6	9	14	Polk	57	97	34	25	32	15
Gilchrist	6	3	1	1	1	7	Putnam	17	25	7	6	6	8
Glades	42	19	11	3	11	12	Santa Rosa	36	279	24	63	6	20
Gulf	28	79	10	17	4	10	Sarasota	91	115	29	28	20	20
Hamilton	6	10	3	3	1	8	Seminole	22	121	39	26	37	12
Hardee	1	31	31	31	31	6	St. Johns	62	311	22	45	12	19
Hendry	12	25	12	6	12	8	St. Lucie	21	47	19	14	16	13
Hernando	10	23	7	7	5	9	Sumter	11	57	23	17	22	9
Highlands	25	60	23	15	17	16	Suwannee	9	4	2	1	2	6
Hillsborough	89	354	42	53	28	22	Taylor	8	6	3	3	1	4
Holmes	4	1	1	0	1	2	Union	9	22	9	8	4	9
Indian River	28	12	7	3	7	8	Volusia	58	98	19	23	10	15
Jackson	11	21	5	8	1	9	Wakulla	24	18	6	5	3	12
Jefferson	7	3	1	1	1	4	Walton	18	29	6	9	4	12
Lafayette	7	1	1	0	1	4	Washington	8	2	1	0	1	4
Lake	42	49	17	9	15	17							

# What Can We Do?

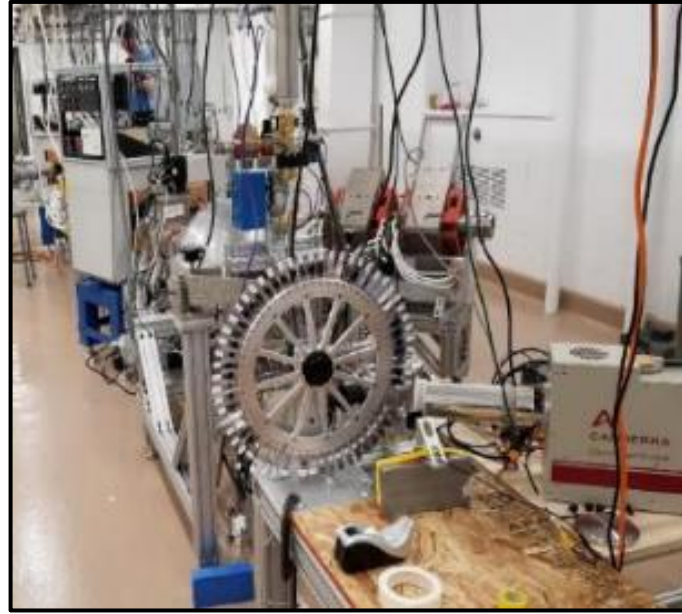
Test the water. Find out for ourselves what we are drinking.

Our approach: novel screening method & local volunteers

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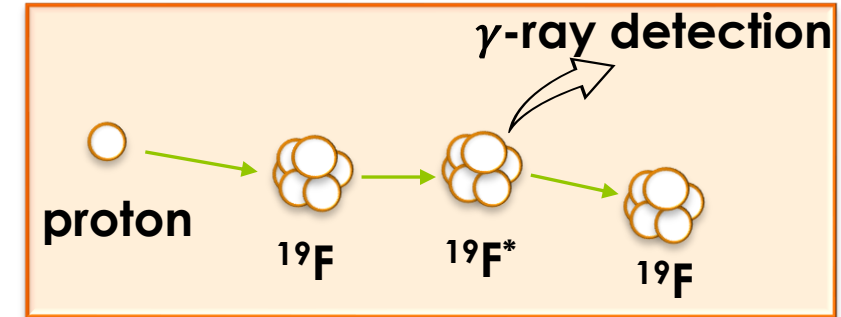


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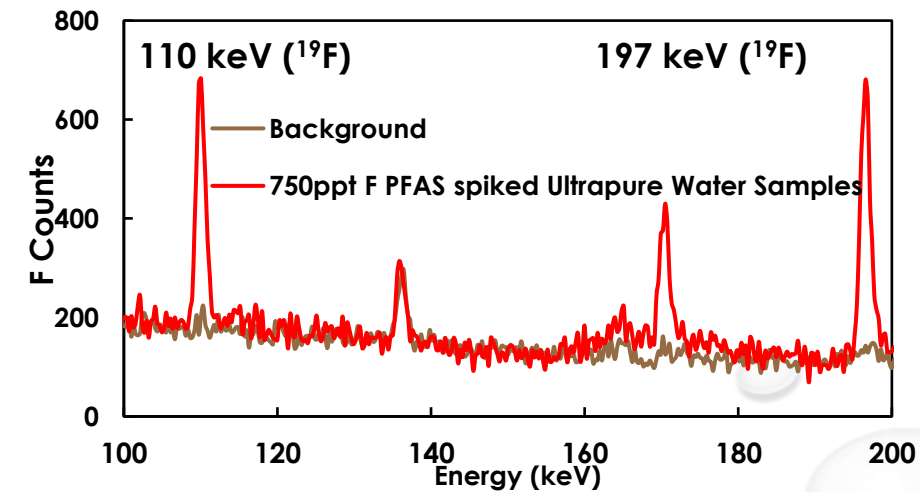


Target wheel & HPGe detector

St. Andre Facility at Notre Dame



Particle – Induced Gamma-ray Emission

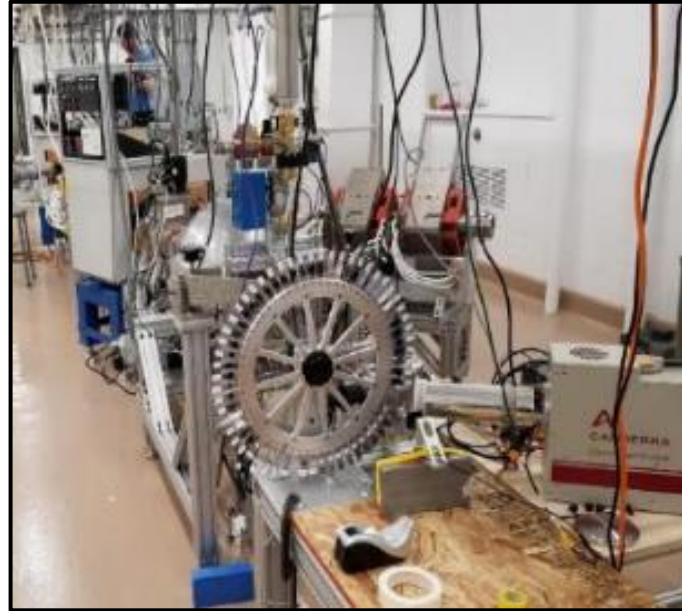


What can we do with a rapid screening method?

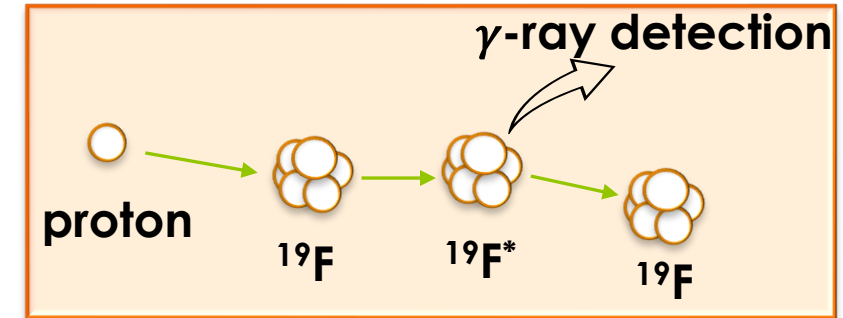
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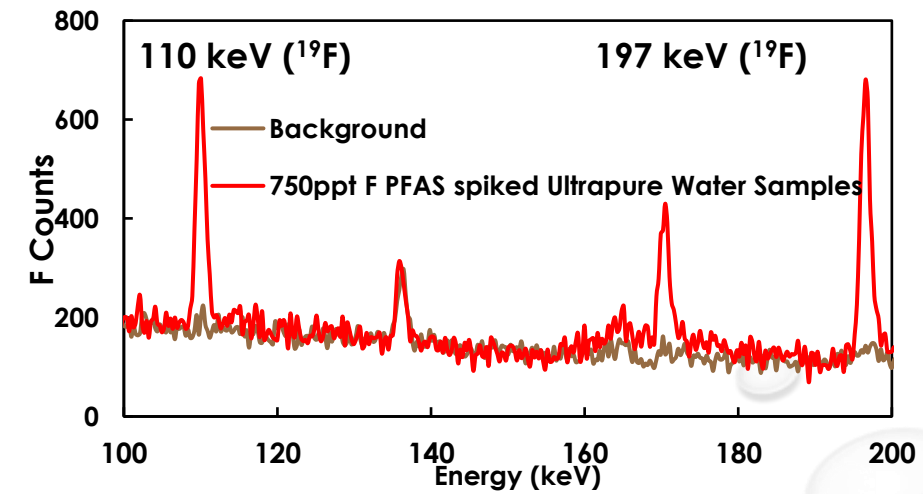
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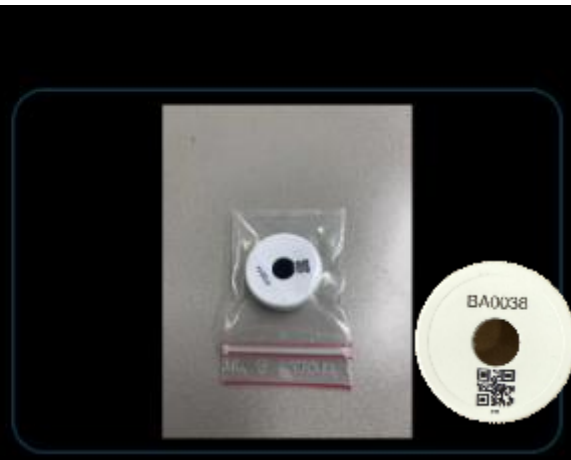
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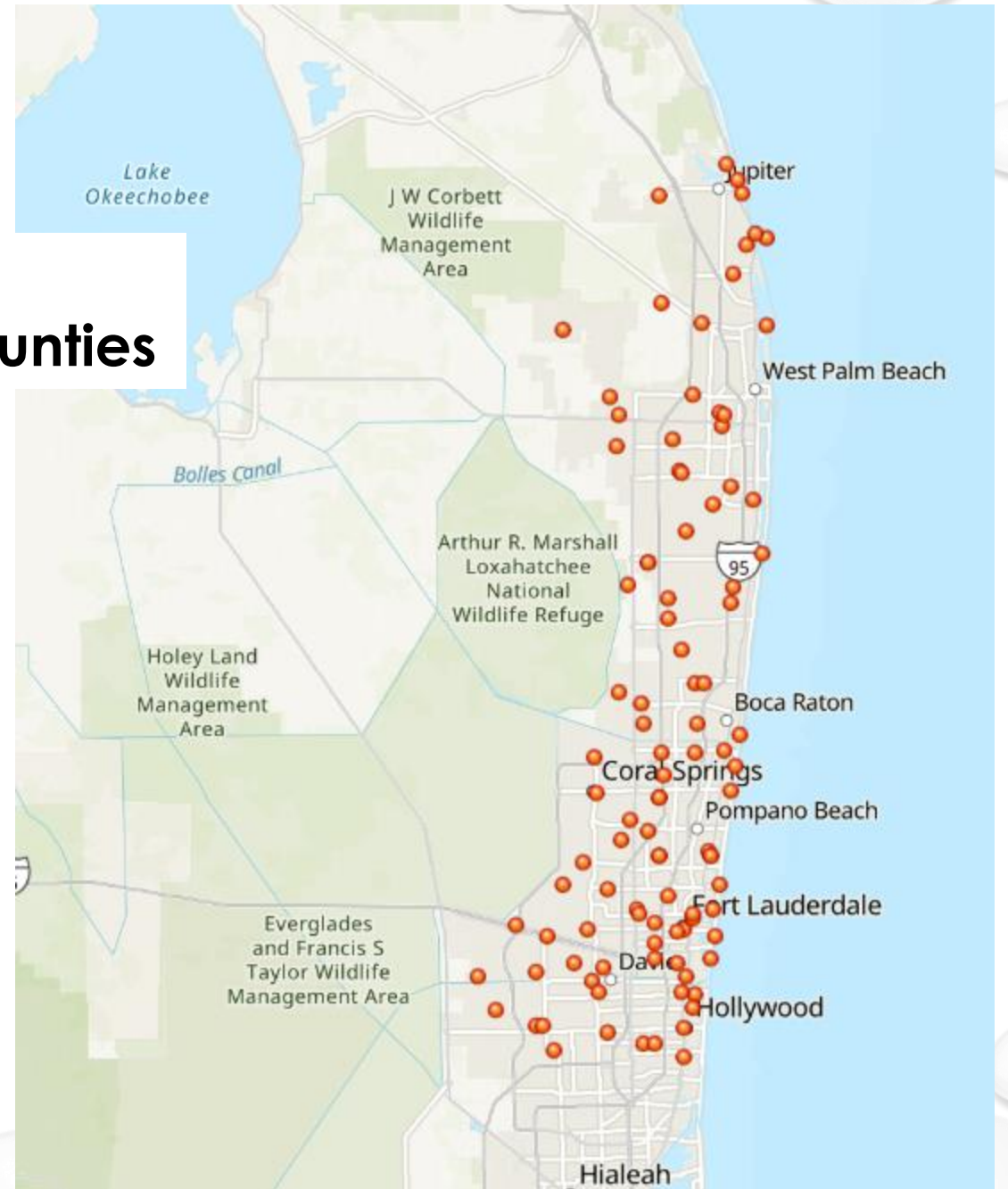
## 1. Sample taking



If there is no Fluorine...there are no PFAS!

**100 locations chosen by volunteers  
Split between Broward & Palm Beach Counties**

**All public access:  
Libraries, Parks...**



# EPA Testing of PFAS: Water Utilities: UCMR-5

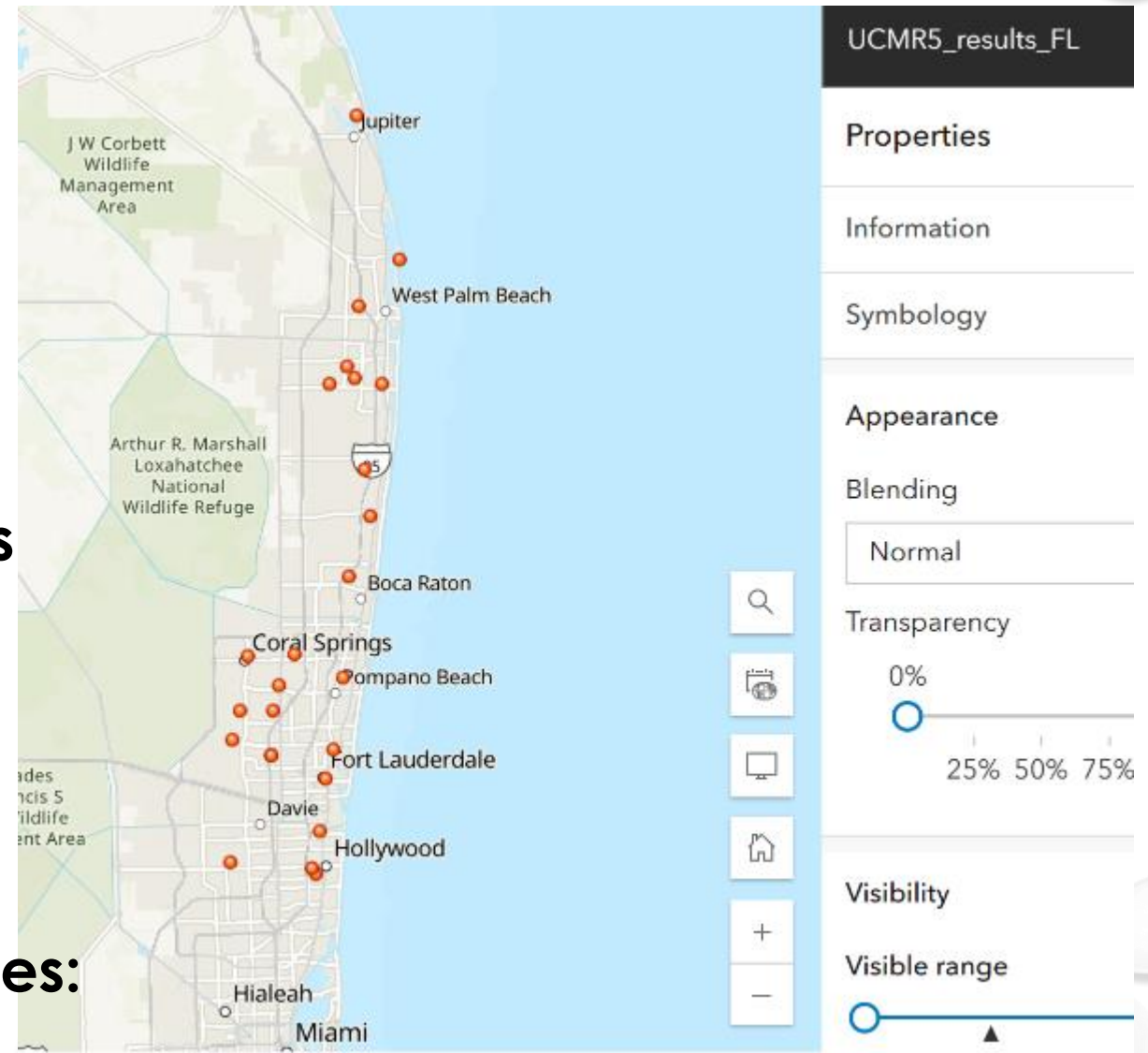
**41110 PFAS reported online in Florida  
(2023-2024)**

**1900 PFAS results >MDL**

**\$2.25M analysis costs – borne by utilities**

**\$0.10M analysis costs for >MDL !!!**

**Subset in Broward & Palm Beach Counties:**



# CEI Results

CEI Sampling data -Broward & Palm Beach Counties

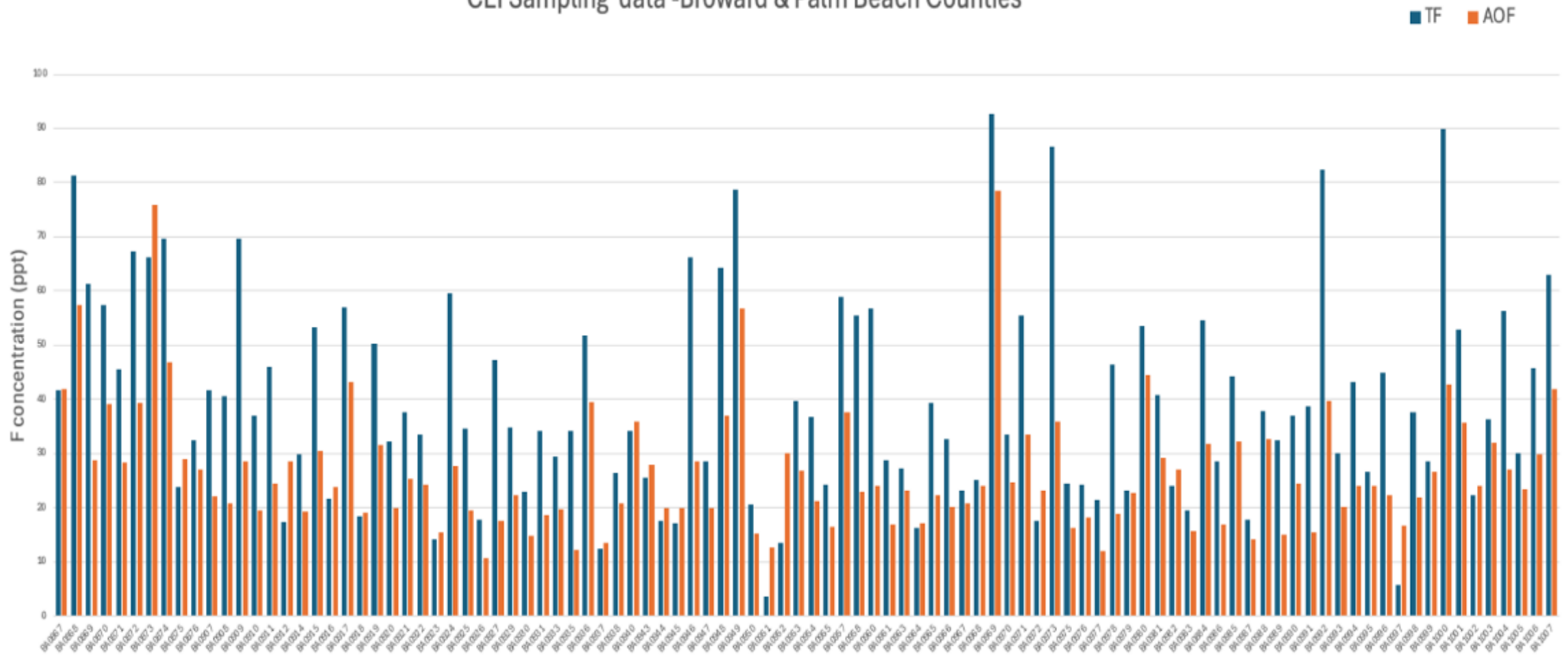
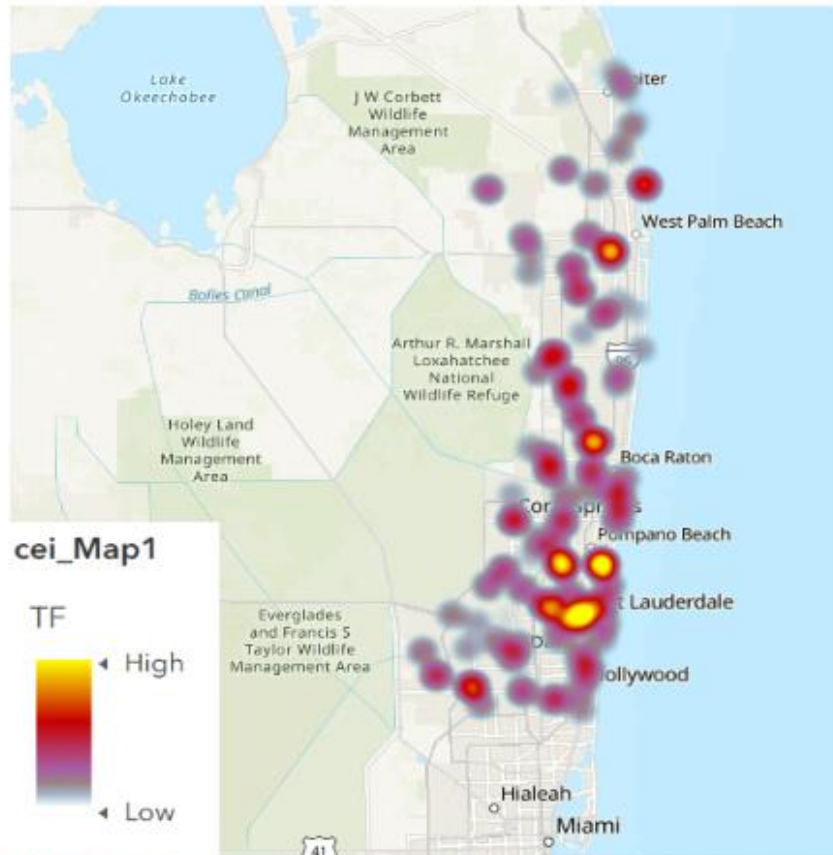


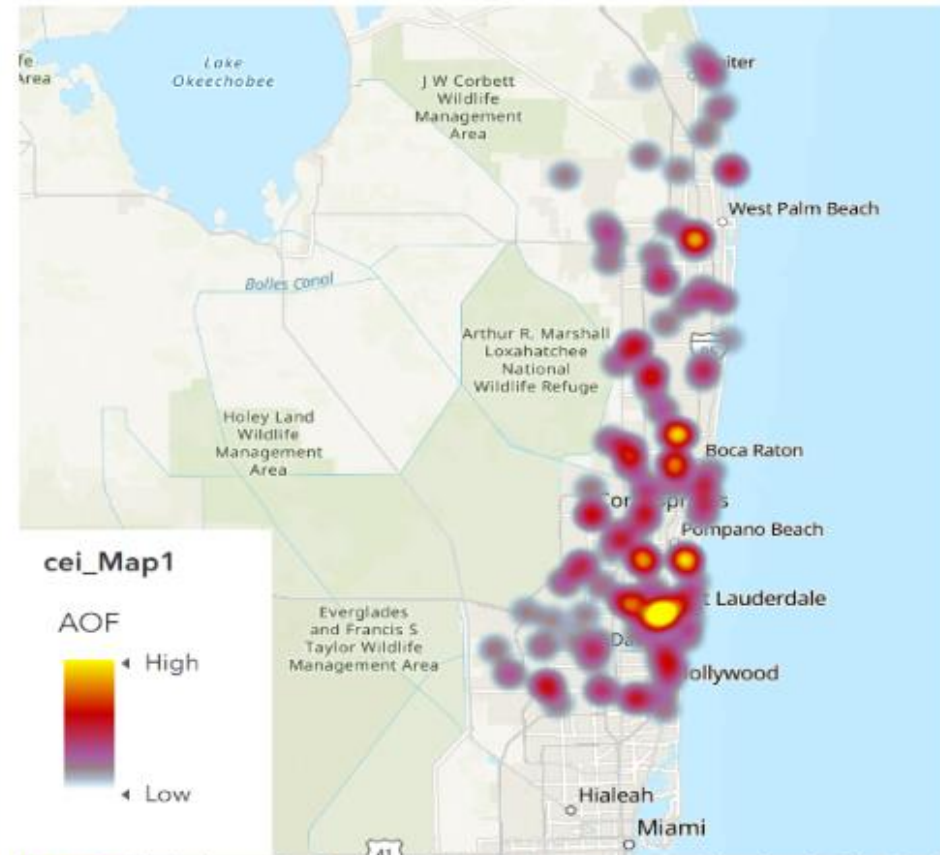
Table 1: CEI Sampling Data: Graphical representation of the samples collected across Broward and Palm Beach Counties with their corresponding TF (blue) and AOF (orange) values.

**Lots of data collected and analyzed quickly -**

# CEI Results

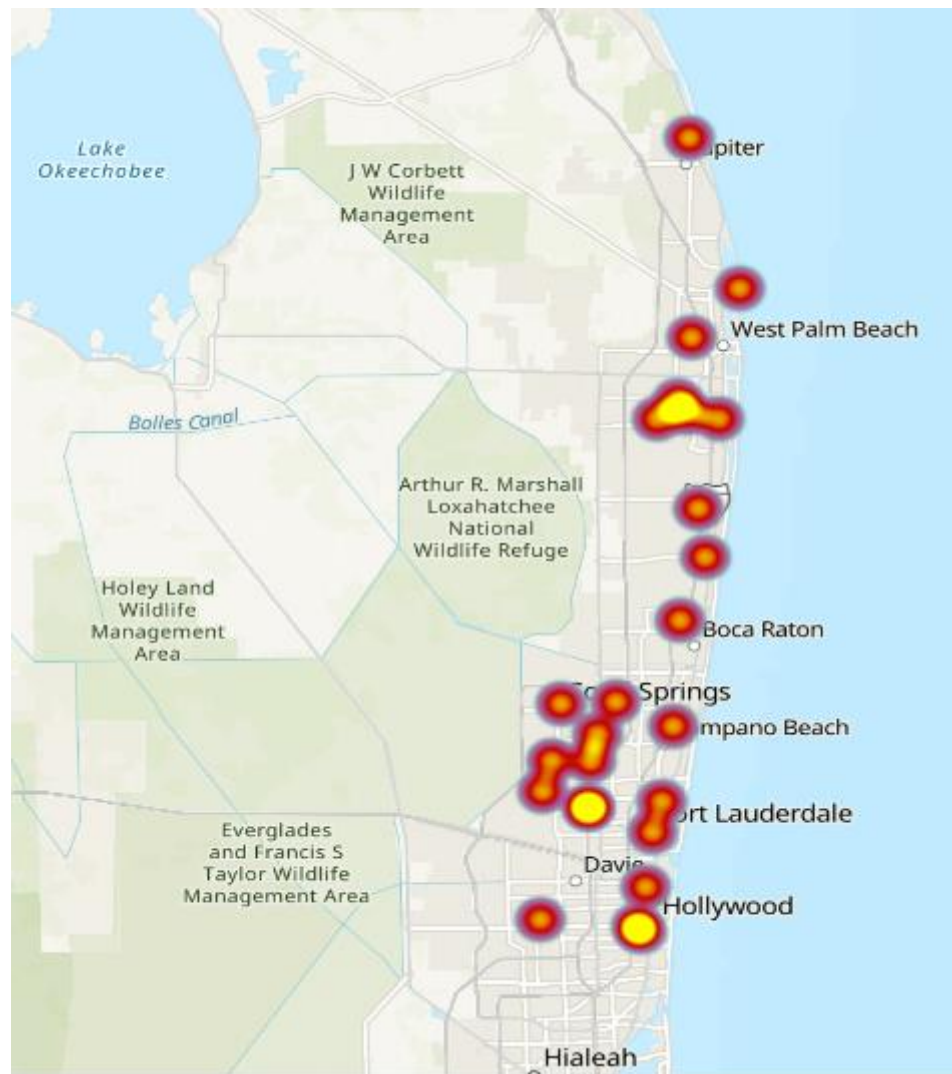


**Image 1:** Total fluorine levels heat map of sample locations in Palm Beach and Broward Counties



**Image 2:** Adsorbable organic fluorine (AOF) levels heat map of sample locations in Palm Beach and Broward Counties

# EPA Test Results - UCMR5 2023-2024



# Preliminary Conclusions

**Low cost and rapid screening test for PFAS aligns well with Published water data.**

*Need to measure volume of sample more accurately*

**Most of Broward, Palm Beach County relatively low compared with known hotspots, e.g. Pensacola, Tallahassee, Space Coast, Miami-Dade, Tampa/St Pete**

# What Can I Do?

What can we do when facing a *global* persistent pollutant?

It can be measured everywhere (even rainwater, Mt. Everest)

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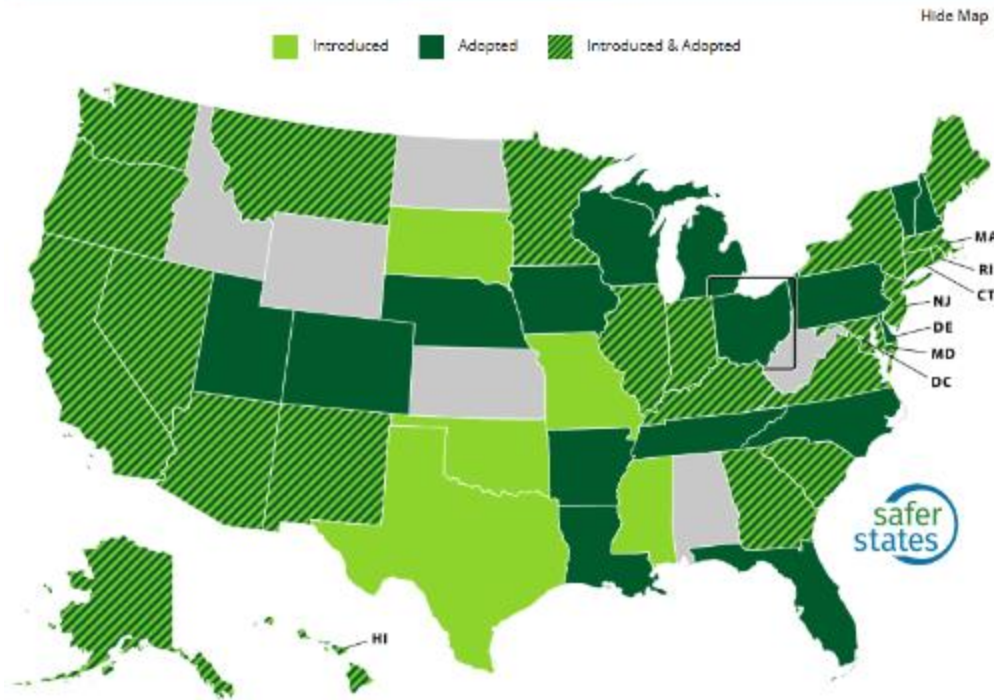
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 28 states have introduced 206 policies

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Indiana	🟢	2023	<a href="#">H.B.1219</a> Establishes a PFAS biomonitoring pilot program under the department of homeland security to collect and analyze blood samples of individuals who were previously, or are currently, firefighters.	PFAS	Other	<a href="#">Accountability</a>
Indiana	🔵	2025	<a href="#">H.B.1286</a> Establishes a registry for entities that discharge PFAS chemicals.	PFAS	Water	<a href="#">Transparency</a>
Indiana	🟢	2023	<a href="#">H.B.1341</a> Beginning June 30, 2024, prohibits fire departments from purchasing firefighter gear unless it contains a label indicating whether or not the firefighter gear contains a PFAS chemical.	PFAS	Textiles	<a href="#">Transparency</a>
Indiana	🔵	2025	<a href="#">H.B.1366</a> Requires the State Department to establish state-specific maximum contaminant levels for PFAS in public water systems.	PFAS	Water	<a href="#">Phasing Out the Bad</a>
Indiana	🔵	2025	<a href="#">H.B.1553</a> Establishes regulations for the use of biosolids, requires testing and setting limits for their use in land applications.	PFAS	Biosolids/Sludge	<a href="#">Setting The Stage</a>
Indiana	🟢	2020	<a href="#">HB.1189</a> Prohibits the use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam for training purposes or testing purposes.	PFAS	Firefighting Foam	<a href="#">Phasing Out the Bad</a>


**NB: PFAS are neither a red nor blue problem...**

The Policies

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## CS/CS/HB 1019: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

GENERAL BILL by State Affairs Committee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Conerly; Blanco; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Abbott; Albert; Alvarez, D.; Alvarez, J.; Anderson; Andrade; Antone; Aristide; Baker; Bankson; Bartleman; Basabe; Benarroch; Berfield; Black; Booth; Borrero; Botana; Boyles; Brackett; Brannan; Buchanan; Busatta; Campbell; Canady; Cassel; Chamberlin; Chambliss; Chaney; Cobb; Cross; Daley; Daniels; Driskell; Duggan; Dunkley; Edmonds; Eskamani; Esposito; Fabricio; Franklin; Gantt; Garrison; Gentry; Gerwig; Giallombardo; Gonzalez Pittman; Gossett-Seidman; Gottlieb; Greco; Griffiths; Grow; Harris; Hart-Lowman; Hinson; Hodgers; Holcomb; Hunschofsky; Jacques; Johnson; Joseph; Kendall; Kincart Jonsson; Koster; LaMarca; Long; López, J.; Maggard; Maney; McClure; McFarland; Melo; Michael; Miller; Mooney; Nix; Nixon; Oliver; Overdorf; Owen; Partington; Perez; Plakon; Plasencia; Porras; Rayner; Redondo; Rizo; Robinson, F.; Robinson, W.; Rosenwald; Salzman; Sapp; Shoaf; Sirois; Skidmore; Smith; Snyder; Spencer; Stark; Steele; Tant; Tendrich; Holley; Trabulsy; Tramont; Tuck; Valdés; Weinberger; Woodson; Yarkosky; Yeager; Young

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Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances; Prohibits, beginning on specified date, certain use & sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-forming foam; requires, beginning on specified date, certain entities to submit aqueous film-forming foam inventories & disposal plans to DEP; prohibits, beginning on specified date, possession & use of aqueous film-forming foam; authorizes DEP to administer certain grants or cost share programs; provides penalties & injunctive relief; requires certain public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids and treated effluent to quarterly conduct specified samplings & submit results to DEP; limits purpose such samplings until specified standards are established by EPA & adopted by DEP.

**Effective Date:** 7/1/2026


**Last Action:** 3/12/2026 House - Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

**Bill Text:** [PDF](#)

**Senate Committee References:**

- [Rules](#) (RC)

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3/4/2026	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In Messages</li></ul>				
3/12/2026	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Added to Senate Message List</li><li>• Amendment 719556 Concur</li><li>• CS passed as amended; YEAS 107, NAYS 0</li><li>• Ordered engrossed, then enrolled</li></ul>				

# Where can I learn more?

There are some good sites on the internet:

*History of PFAS in the US: ITRC website (google)*

[https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/history\\_and\\_use\\_508\\_2020Aug\\_Final.pdf](https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/history_and_use_508_2020Aug_Final.pdf)

*Open-Source review articles (google scholar)*

e.g. **Trends in the Regulation of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): A Scoping Review**

<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/20/10900>

*Other States with large PFAS problems (MI, NC, NJ, CA)*

e.g. **Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)**

<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse>

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas.html)

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# Back up Slides

## Wisconsin Example Related to Drinking Water

In Winter 2019 – 2020, Wisconsin Fire Chiefs Assn, responding to Madison AFFF incident, declared an operational cease-and-desist on AFFF use. Together with DNR, conducted a survey of how much AFFF concentrate was in FD's in Wisconsin?

**Answer:** Over 125,000 gallons, scattered over 750 departments!

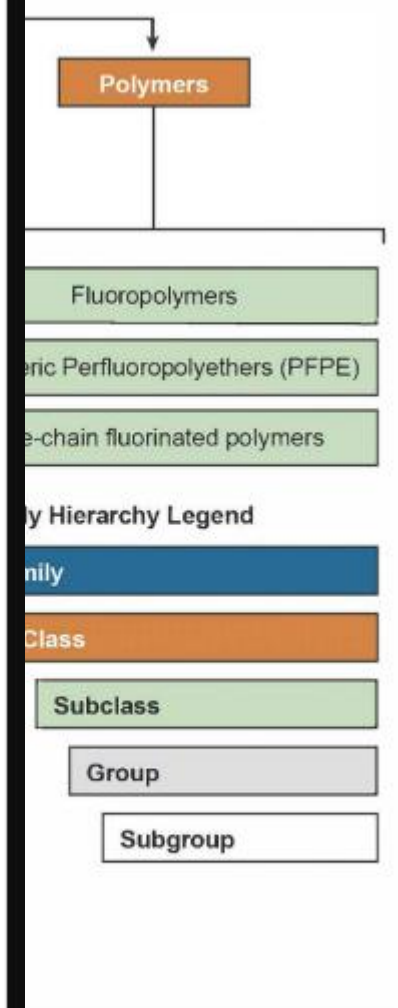
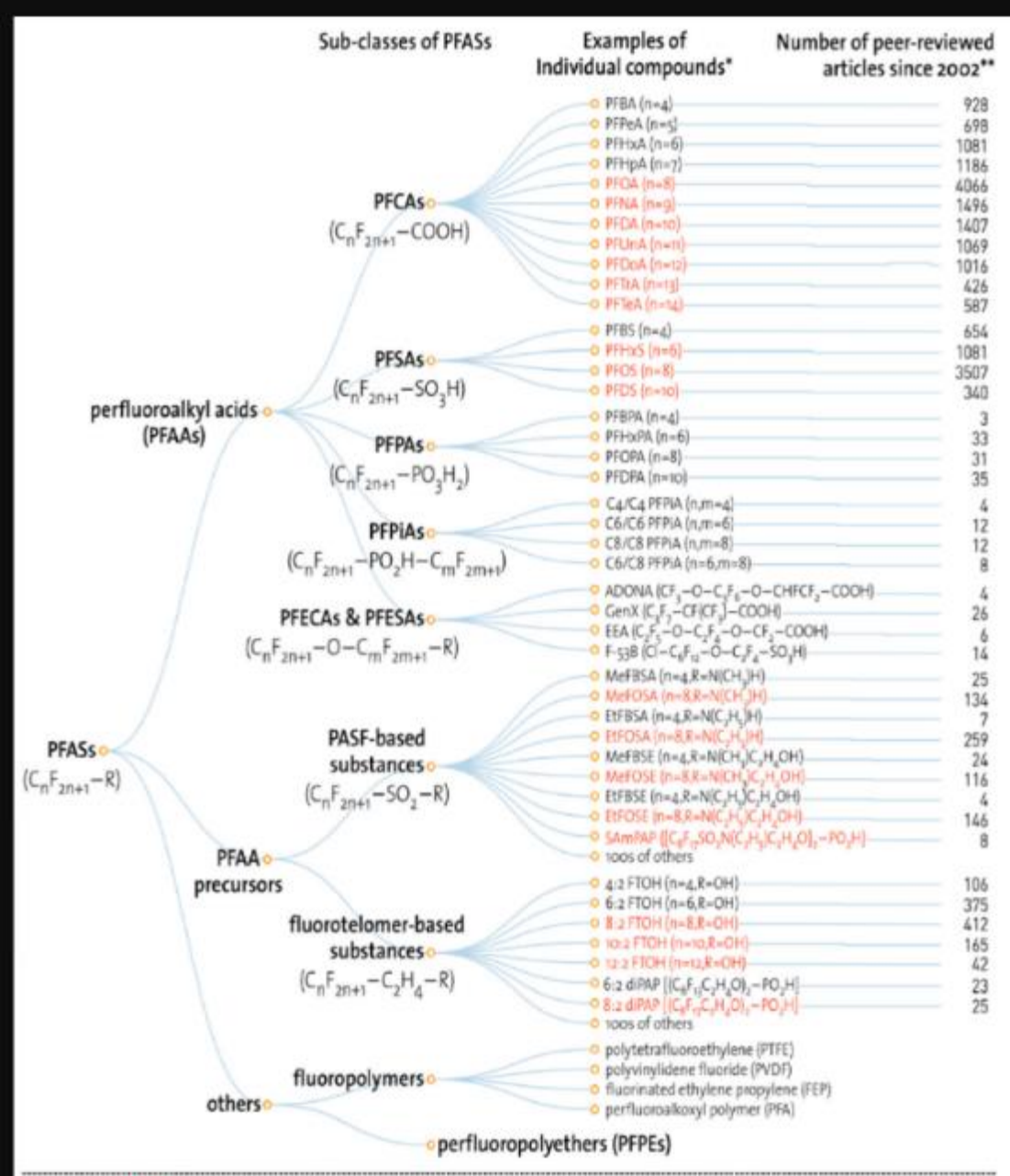
**Note: This volume of concentrate (3%) would contaminate the volume of Lake Erie above the drinking water MCL if it were released!!!**

2019 Senate Bill 717 – authorized a buy-back and discard campaign across Wisconsin – Pass unanimously – but was only \$200,000. About \$2M was needed.

**Solution: These are forever chemicals...take 10 years...**

There

PFAS...



\* PFASs in RED are those that have been restricted under national/regional/global regulatory or voluntary frameworks, with or without specific exemptions (for details, see OECD (2015), Risk reduction approaches for PFASs. <http://oe.cd/hAN>).  
 \*\* The numbers of articles (related to all aspects of research) were retrieved from SciFinder® on Nov. 1, 2016.

All are Persistent

Exhibit Toxicity

# PFAS Regulations on Drinking water

## US EPA – Health Advisory Limits:

2009 – PFOA = 400 ng/L    PFOS = 200 ng/L

2016 – PFOA = 70 ng/L    PFOS = 70 ng/L

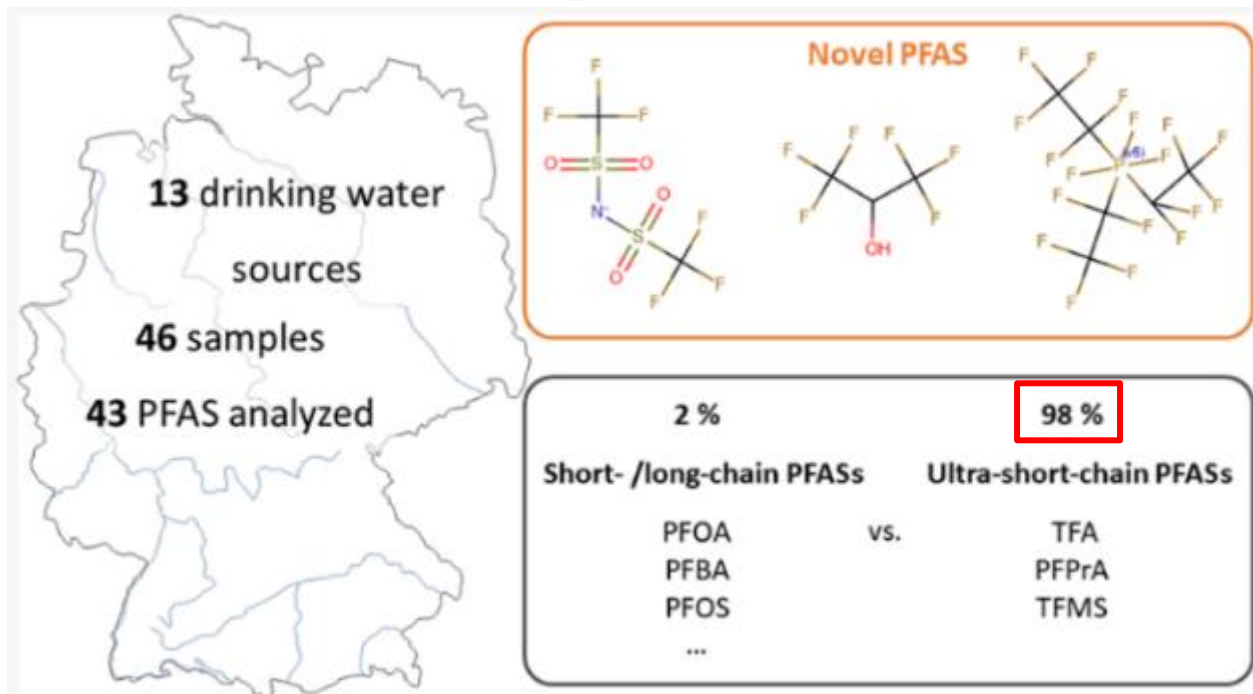
2022 – PFOA = 4 ng/L    PFOS = 20 ng/L  
– GenX = 10 ng/L    PFBS = 2000 ng/L

## US EPA – Maximum Contaminant Limits\*:

2024 – PFOA = 4 ng/L    PFOS = 4 ng/L  
– GenX = 10 ng/L    PFHxS = 10 ng/L    PFBS = 2000 ng/L  
– PFNA = 10 ng/L

## Ultra-Short-Chain PFASs in the Sources of German Drinking Water: Prevalent, Overlooked, Difficult to Remove, and Unregulated

Isabelle J. Neuwald, Daniel Hübner, Hanna L. Wiegand, Vassil Valkov, Ulrich Borchers, Karsten Nödler, Marco Scheurer, Sarah E. Hale, Hans Peter H. Arp, and Daniel Zahn\*



**98% of PFAS in drinking water is C2 & C3 PFAS**

**Not currently measured by LC-MS/MS !!**

# Take Home Message:

There are a lot of PFAS out there that are not being measured:

C2, C3 (Ultrashort PFAS)

“Precursors” / unknown PFAS

Volatile PFAS

Polymeric PFAS

Agrochemical PFAS

Pharmaceutical PFAS

**European Total F limit  
proposed on Drinking  
Water in 2026 : 500 ng/L**

Total Organic Fluorine measurements can be used to screen for PFAS – but you have to understand what the extra fluorine means...true for all total F techniques!

# Commercialization of Process

## Design & Build Benchtop Accelerator



Rendering Of The Entire Centurion™  
4MeV RFQ LINAC On A Motorized Cart

