

## Massachusetts PFAS Interagency Task Force

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# PFAS AIR EMISSIONS: NEW HAMPSHIRE'S EXPERIENCE



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# WHERE MIGHT PFAS BE FOUND IN AIR EMISSIONS?



Manufacturing Facility  
Makes Raw Materials



Industrial Facility  
Uses Raw Materials



Chrome Plater  
Mist Suppressant



Landfills  
Leachate, Dust, LFG



Waste Water Treatment Facilities  
Influent, Effluent, Biosolids, SSI



DOD Sites/Airports  
Fire Suppression

# EXPANSIVE USES OF PFAS

Commercial Products	Industrial Uses
<p>                     Cookware (Teflon®, Nonstick)                      Fast Food Containers                      Candy Wrappers                      Microwave Popcorn Bags                      Personal Care Products (Shampoo, Dental Floss)                      Cosmetics (Nail Polish, Eye Makeup)                      Paints and Varnishes                      Stain Resistant Carpet                      Stain Resistant Chemicals (Scotchgard®)                      Water Resistant Apparel (Gore-Tex®)                      Cleaning Products                      Electronics                      Ski Wax                      Soil amendments                      Pesticides                      Potting soils                 </p>	<p>                     Photo Imaging                      Metal Plating (mist suppressant)                      Semiconductor Coatings                      Aviation Hydraulic Fluids                      Medical Devices/Tubing                      Wire Coating                      Class B Firefighting Foam (e.g., AFFF)                      Insect Baits                      Printer and Copy Machine Parts                      Chemically Driven Oil Production                      Textiles, Upholstery, Apparel and Carpets                      Paper, Packaging, Non Woven Fibers                      Rubber and Plastics                      Pesticides                 </p>



# SOURCE IDENTIFICATION IN NH



## Potential Commercial and Industrial Products that Use PFCs

SIC Code	Manufacturer	NAICS Code
2221	Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade Fiber and Silk	313210
2262	Finishers of Broadwoven Fabrics of Manmade Fiber and Silk	313310
2273	Carpets and Rugs	314110
2295	Coated Fabrics, Not Rubberized	313320
2297	Non-woven Fabrics	313230
2299	Textile goods, Not Elsewhere Classified	313110
2385	Waterproof Outerwear	314999
2392	House furnishings, Except Curtains and Draperies	314999
2621	Paper Mills	322121
2656	Sanitary Food Containers, Except Folding	322219
2671	Packaging Paper and Plastics Film, Coated and Laminated	322220
2672	Coated and Laminated Paper, Not Elsewhere Classified	322220
2673	Plastics, Foil, and Coated Paper Bags	322220
2752	Commercial Printing, Lithographic	323111
2796	Platemaking and Related Services	323120
2824	Manmade Organic Fibers, Except Cellulosic	325220
2842	Specialty Cleaning, Polishing, and Sanitation Preparations	325612
2844	Perfumes, Cosmetics, and other Toilet Preparations	325611
2851	Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products	325510
2869	Industrial Organic Chemicals, Not Elsewhere Classified	325193
2899	Chemicals and Chemical Preparations, Not Elsewhere Classified	325199
2911	Petroleum Refining	324110
2992	Lubricating Oils and Greases	324191
3081	Unsupported Plastics Film and Sheet	326113
3082	Unsupported Plastics Profile Shapes	326121
3083	Laminated Plastics Plate, Sheet, and Profile Shapes	326130
3089	Plastics Products, Not Elsewhere Classified	326121
3471	Electroplating, Plating, Relieving, Anodizing, and Coloring	332812

## List of Companies for Which No Further Investigation is Deemed Necessary by NHDES as Part of Southern NH PFOA in Drinking Water Investigation

(updated as of January 27, 2017)

Facility	City	Response Received	Determination <sup>1</sup>
Aero Dynamics Inc.	Seabrook	Y	No further investigation necessary
Albany Engineered Composites Inc	Rochester	Y	No further investigation necessary
Alden Broden	Nashua	NA	Inspected 05/27/16; No further investigation
Amatex Corporation	Laconia	Y	Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>
Amatex Corporation	Meredith	Y	No further investigation necessary
Chemtan Co, Inc.	Lee	Y	No further investigation necessary
Foss Manufacturing Company LLC	Hampton	Y	Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>
Hayden Kerk Motion Products	Milford	Y	No further investigation necessary
Hayden Kerk Motion Products	Hollis	Y	No further investigation necessary
Ingeniven USA	Hampton	Y	No further investigation necessary
J & E Specialty Inc	Dover	Y	No further investigation necessary
Kluber Lubrication North America L.P.	Londonderry	Y	No further investigation necessary
NEMO Equipment, Inc.	Dover	Y	No further investigation necessary
New England Wire Technologies	Lisbon	Y	Inspection 06/16/16; Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>
New Hampshire Ball Bearings Inc.	Peterborough	Y	No further investigation necessary
New Hampshire Ball Bearings Inc.	Laconia	NA	Inspected 05/11/16; Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>
North East Precision CNC	Dover	Y	No further investigation necessary
PlasTech	Bow	Y	No further investigation necessary
SEALPRO, Inc.	Manchester	Y	No further investigation necessary
Smiths Tubular	Laconia	Y	No further investigation necessary
Sturm Ruger & Company, Inc.	Newport	Y	Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>
Tech NH, Inc.	Merrimack	Y	No further investigation necessary
Teleflex Medical Incorporated	Jaffrey	Y	Sampling conducted; Results obtained; No further investigation necessary <sup>2</sup>

# PFAS TESTING ACROSS ALL MEDIA

## Statewide Water Quality Data

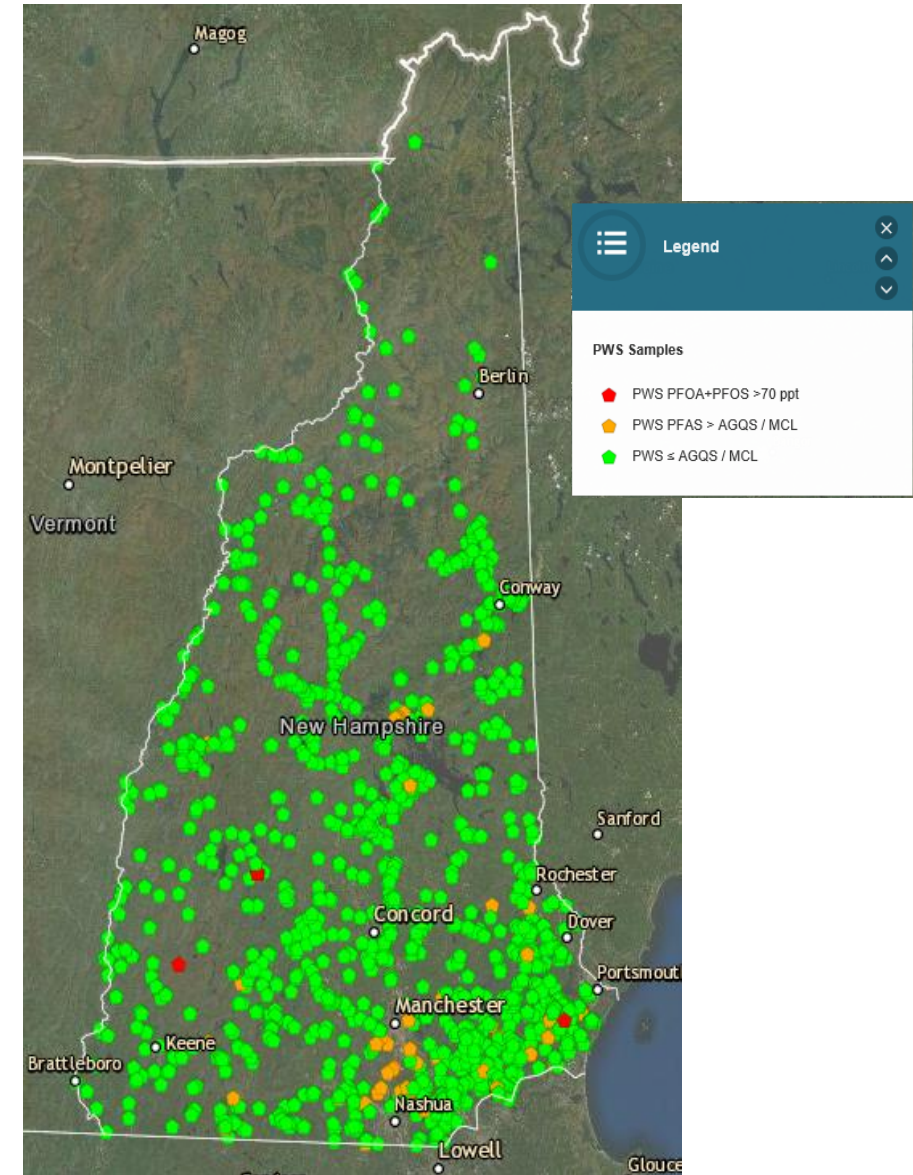
- Public Water Supplies
- Private Drinking Water
- Groundwater
- Surface Water

## Statewide Waste Quality Data

- Wastewater
- Wastewater Sludge and Biosolids
- Landfill Leachate

## Site-Specific Data

- Soil
- Sediment
- Storm Water
- Fish
- Shellfish
- Loon Eggs
- Air
- Stack Residue



# PFAS AIR EMISSION STACK TESTING IN NH

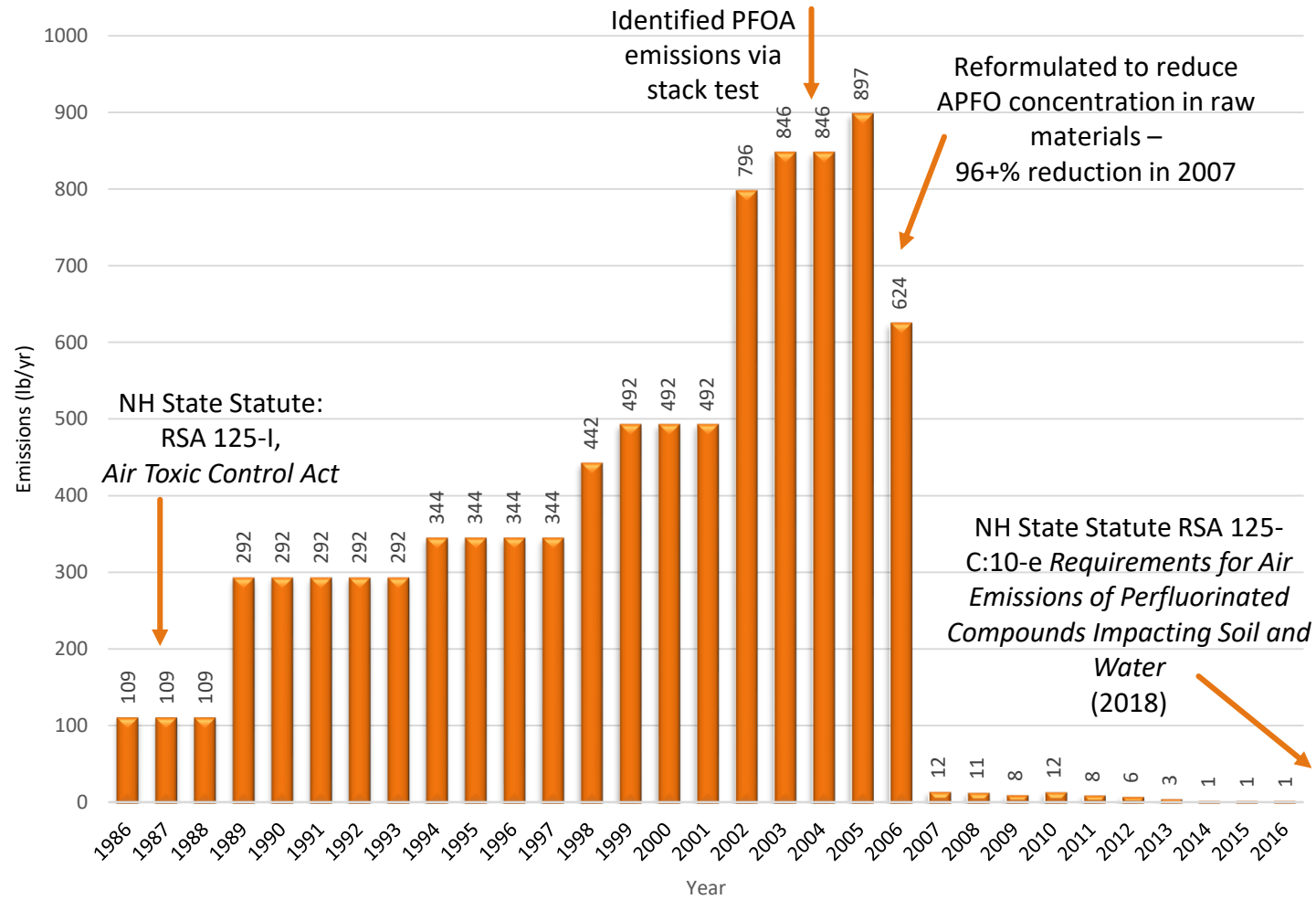


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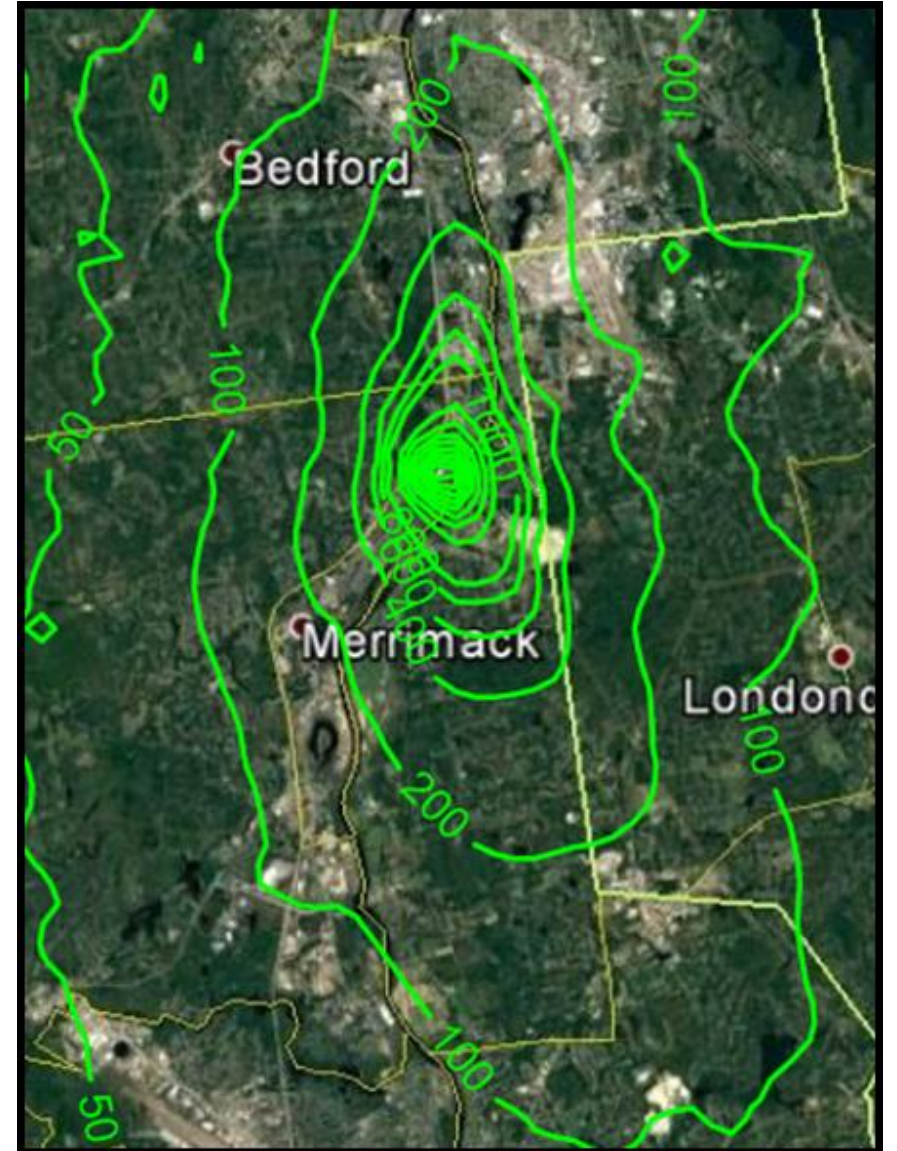
# ESTIMATED HISTORICAL PFOA AIR EMISSIONS



\* Estimated PFOA emissions only (no other PFAS, precursors or PICs) and based on 2004 stack test results

# Air Deposition Modeling of Historical PFOA Emissions

- To identify where additional private well sampling should be done
- To determine the size/shape of deposition area
- Identification places to further evaluate during the site investigation (e.g. soil or groundwater testing)



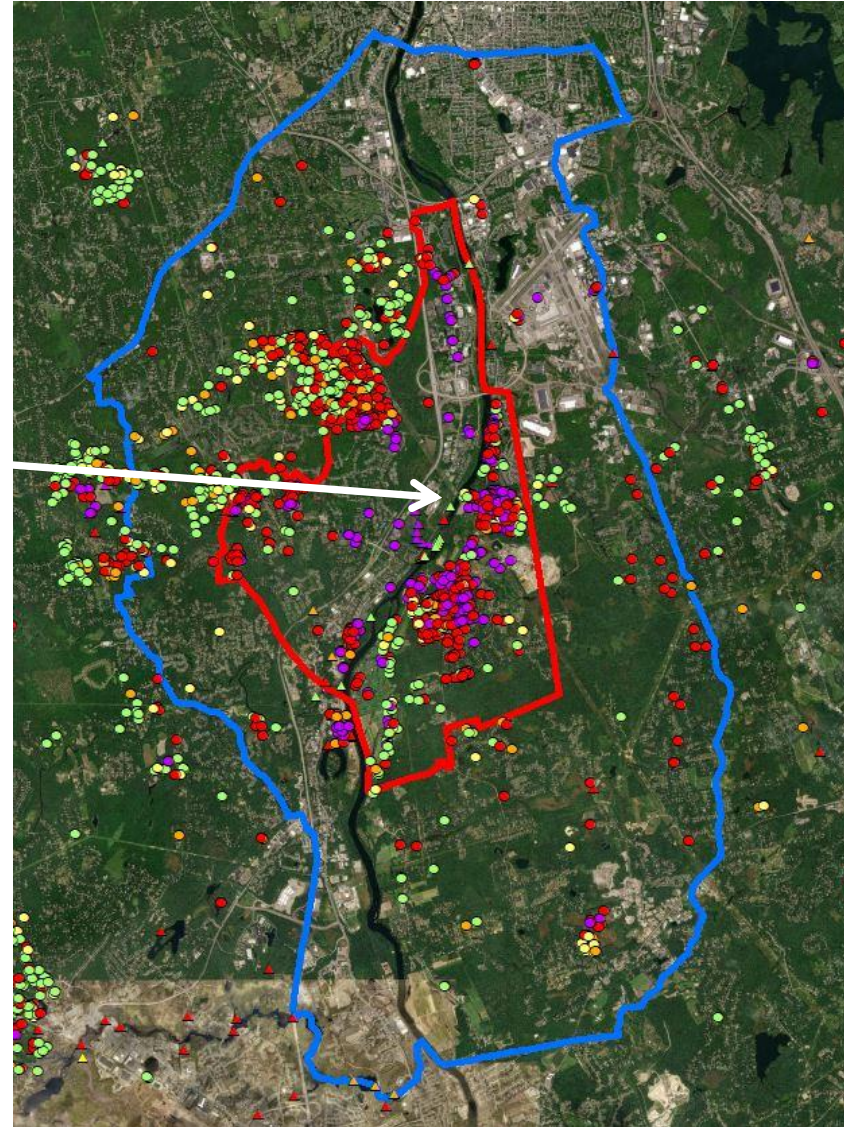


# SAINT-GOBAIN FACILITY IMPACT / CONSENT DECREE BOUNDARIES



**Groundwater Sample PFOA Results**  
PFOA Concentration (ng/L)

●	0 - 6
●	>6 - 9
●	>9 - 12
●	>12 - 70
●	>70



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# NH'S INDUSTRIAL FACILITY



Raw Materials



Stack Emissions



Roof Top



Stack Residue/Char



Dust

EPA ORD reports on non targeted analysis results for raw materials, char and emissions.

# NH STATE STATUTE RSA 125-C:10-e *Requirements for Air Emissions of Perfluorinated Compounds Impacting Soil and Water*

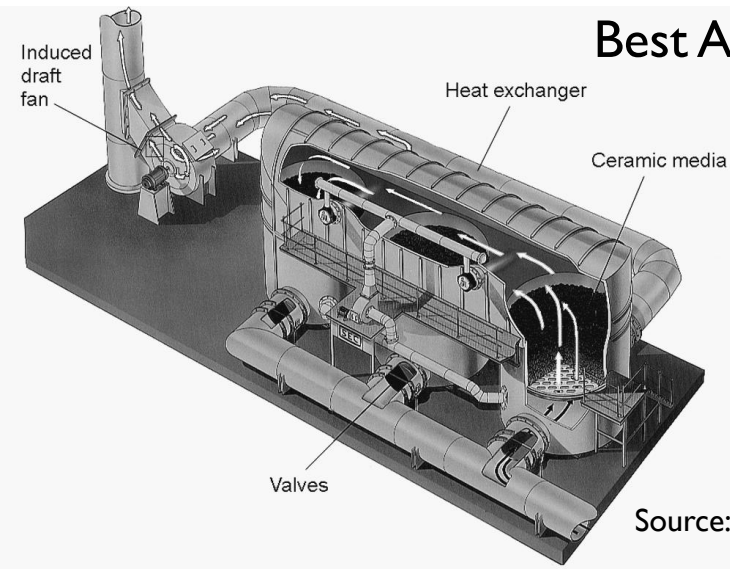
## **BACT Requirement**

- A device that emits to the air any PFCs or precursors that have caused or contributed to an exceedance of an AGQS or SWQS as a result of the deposition of any such PFCs or precursors from the air, shall be subject to the determination and application of BACT.
- The construction, installation, or modification of any device that has the potential, based on an applicability threshold adopted by the department, to cause or contribute to an exceedance of an AGQS or SWQS as a result of the deposition of any such PFCs or precursors from the air, shall be prohibited without first applying for and obtaining a permit from the department that establishes emission limitations for such device based on BACT.

## **Cause/Contribute Requirement**

- The application of BACT cannot cause or contribute to or have the potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of an AGQS or SWQS, as a result of the deposition from the air.





## Best Available Control Technology: 3-chamber RTO

\$5.3 million dollar project

Over a year to design and construct

Source: [US EPA APTI 415: Control of Gaseous Emission](#)



### Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Incineration to Manage PFAS Waste Streams

#### Background

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a very large class of man-made chemicals that include PFOA, PFOS and GenX chemicals. Since the 1940s, PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries in the United States and around the globe. PFAS are found in everyday items such as food packaging, non-stick stain repellent, and waterproof products, including clothes and other products used by outdoor enthusiasts. PFAS are also widely used in industrial applications and for firefighting. PFAS can enter the environment through production or waste streams and can be very persistent in the environment and the human body. PFAS have many and varied pathways into waste streams, presenting challenges for ultimate disposal. Determining the appropriate method for ultimate disposal of PFAS wastes is a complex issue due to their volatility, solubility, and environmental mobility and persistence. EPA is currently considering multiple disposal techniques, including incineration, to effectively treat and dispose of PFAS waste.



Incineration of halogenated organic compounds occurs via unimolecular decomposition and radical reaction. For unimolecular decomposition, fluorinated organic compounds require temperatures above 1,000°C to achieve 99.99% destruction in 1 second residence time. Unimolecular decomposition of highly fluorinated organics most likely occurs through breakage of C-C or C-F bonds (Tsang et al., 1998). The most difficult fluorinated organic compound to decompose is  $CF_4$ , requiring temperatures over 1,400°C, but is easily monitored, making it a potential candidate for destructibility trials.

Fluorinated organic compounds can also be degraded via incineration by free radical initiation, propagation, and branching mechanisms. Although hydroxyl radical reaction with hydrocarbons is a common combustion flame-propagating mechanism, the strength of the C-F bond makes this pathway unlikely and would instead leave atomic hydrogen, formed at high temperatures, as the likely radical reacting with the carbon-bonded fluorine.

#### Options and Considerations for the Disposal of PFAS Waste via Incineration

One potential disposal method for PFAS waste is through high temperature chemical breakdown, or incineration. Incineration has been used as a method of destroying related halogenated organic chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and ozone-depleting substances (ODSs), where sufficiently high temperatures and long residence times break the carbon-halogen bond, after which the halogen can be scrubbed from the flue gas, typically as an alkali-halogen. PFAS compounds are difficult to break down due to fluorine's electronegativity and the chemical stability of fluorinated compounds. Incomplete destruction of PFAS compounds can result in the formation of smaller PFAS products, or products of incomplete combustion (PICs), which may not have been researched and thus could be a potential chemical of concern.

Temperature

Minimum temperature of 1832°F (1000°C)

Time and Turbulence

Minimum gas residence time of 1 second  
Inlet flow rate not to exceed 70,000 scfm

Oxidizes PFAS

Oxidizes PFAS regardless of regulatory limits  
Concern about PICs and HF formation

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## **SGPP (2021)**

- Stack testing control equipment for extensive list of PFAS (volatile, semi-volatile, polar, non-polar, PICs, FTOH), inlet and outlet of device, HF post-RTO emissions, VOC RACT, RTAPs, capture efficiency, raw materials.



## NEXT STEPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Stack testing of RTO in September, 2021.
- Rainwater study of PFAS background levels.
- Continue work with EPA ORD on methods development and validation including potentially:
  - OTM-45: quantitative method for polar PFAS compounds and fluorotelomer alcohols;
  - Evaluation of a sequential extraction method to get both polar and non-polar PFAS for targeted and non-targeted analysis; and
  - “Other destruction efficiency test method” using  $\text{CF}_4$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_6$  as surrogates
- Further investigation of other industrial facilities including stack testing, evaluation of stack test results, reviewing national data.
- Review TRI data next year and determine other potential sites.

# QUESTIONS?

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