**PFAS Task Force Brief**

**Purpose**

1. Gather and review information regarding known locations of PFAS detection and create response plan strategies.
2. Identify significant data gaps in the knowledge of PFAS and develop recommendations to address gaps.
3. Identify opportunities for public education regarding PFAS contamination and the effect of its exposure on public health and the environment.
4. Identify the sources of PFAS contamination and exposure pathways that pose the greatest risk to public health and the environments.
5. Examine the benefits and burdens of various treatment and disposal options for PFAS contaminated media.
6. Assess how state agencies can most effectively use their existing authority and resources to reduce or eliminate priority risks from PFAS contamination.
7. Determine the inventory and use of fluorinated aqueous forming foam in firefighting and fire training activities and evaluate effective non-fluorinated alternatives.
8. Examine data regarding PFAS contamination in freshwater fish and marine organisms and determine whether further examination is warranted.
9. Examine and estimate the cost to mitigate PFAS contamination in known locations across the commonwealth.
10. Examine ways to limit exposure of Massachusetts residents to PFAS substances through food packaging.

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