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PFAS in North Carolina

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- The scope, extent, and nature of PFAS contamination in North Carolina is the current issue DEQ is working on.
 - Other emerging compounds also being examined, including 1,4,-Dioxane.
- At the last SSAB meeting, DEQ and DHHS heard the perspectives of the Board members for regulation and different strategies that could be applied in NC.
- A summary table was presented, and the Board asked for more information to be added.
 - Expanded toxicity data
 - Environmental data
 - Biological data

Presentation Goals

- This presentation serves as an introduction to the expanded table for both the Board and the public.
- Identify areas of research still needed.
- Provide the Board with potential uses of this data for regulatory purposes and solicit feedback.
- Discuss how to move forward and what the next steps could be.

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PFAS Type	PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	
		PFHxS	
		PFOS	
	Carboxylic Acids	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA
			PFPeA
			PFHxA
			PFOA
			PFNA
			PFDA
			PFHpA
PFMOPrA [#]			
PFMOBA [#]			
Consent Order Compounds			Ether Carboxylic Acids
	PMPA [#]		
	PFO2HxA		
	PEPA [#]		
	PFO3OA		
	HFPO-DA (GenX)		
	PFO4DA		
	PFO5DA		
	HydroEVE		
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1	
Nafion By-prod2			

- This is a collection of toxicological and environmental data from multiple international and peer-reviewed sources that summarizes the complexity of PFAS data.
 - Both inside and outside of North Carolina.
- The purpose of this data collection is to present the NC Secretaries' Science Advisory Board with a synopsis of data to aid in its support and analysis of PFAS regulatory strategies most appropriate for North Carolina.



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PFAS Type	PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	Physical Characteristics				
			Fluorinated Carbons	Total Chain Length	Molecular Formula	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	Water Solubility (20-25C (g/L))
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	4	5	C ₄ HF ₉ O ₃ S	300.1	56.6
		PFHxS	6	7	C ₆ HF ₁₃ O ₃ S	400.12	2.3
		PFOS	8	9	C ₈ HF ₁₇ O ₃ S	500.13	1.57
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	3	4	C ₇ H ₅ FO ₂	140.11	0.4
		PFPeA	4	5	C ₅ HF ₉ O	264.05	112.6
		PFHxA	5	6	C ₆ HF ₁₁	314.05	21.7
		PFOA	8	8	C ₈ HF ₁₅ O ₂	414.07	9.5
		PFNA	8	9	C ₉ HF ₁₇ O ₂	464.08	9.5
		PFDA	9	10	C ₁₀ HF ₁₉ O ₂	514.08	5.1
		PFHpA	6	7	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₂	364.06	4.2
Consent Order Compounds	PFMOPrA#	PFMOPrA#	3	5	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₃	230.04	
		PFMOBA#	4	6	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₃	280.04	
	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOAA	2	4	C ₃ HF ₅ O ₃	180.03	
		PMPA#	3	5	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₃	230.04	
		PFO2HxA	3	6	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₄	246.04	
		PEPA#	4	6	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₃	280.04	
		PFO3OA	4	8	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₅	312.04	
		HFPO-DA (GenX)	5	7	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₃	330.05	300
		PFO4DA	5	10	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₆	378.05	
		PFO5DA	6	12	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₇	444.06	
HydroEVE	6	10	C ₈ H ₂ F ₁₄ O ₄	428.08			
Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1	7	10	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₅ S	444.12		
	Nafion By-prod2	7	10	C ₇ H ₂ F ₁₄ O ₅ S	464.13		

Physical Characteristics

- The Physical Characteristics describe the length, weight, and solubility of the PFAS compounds.
- Solubility refers to the number of grams of a substance that can be dissolved in 1 liter of water; the greater the solubility means that more of a substance can be dissolved in water.

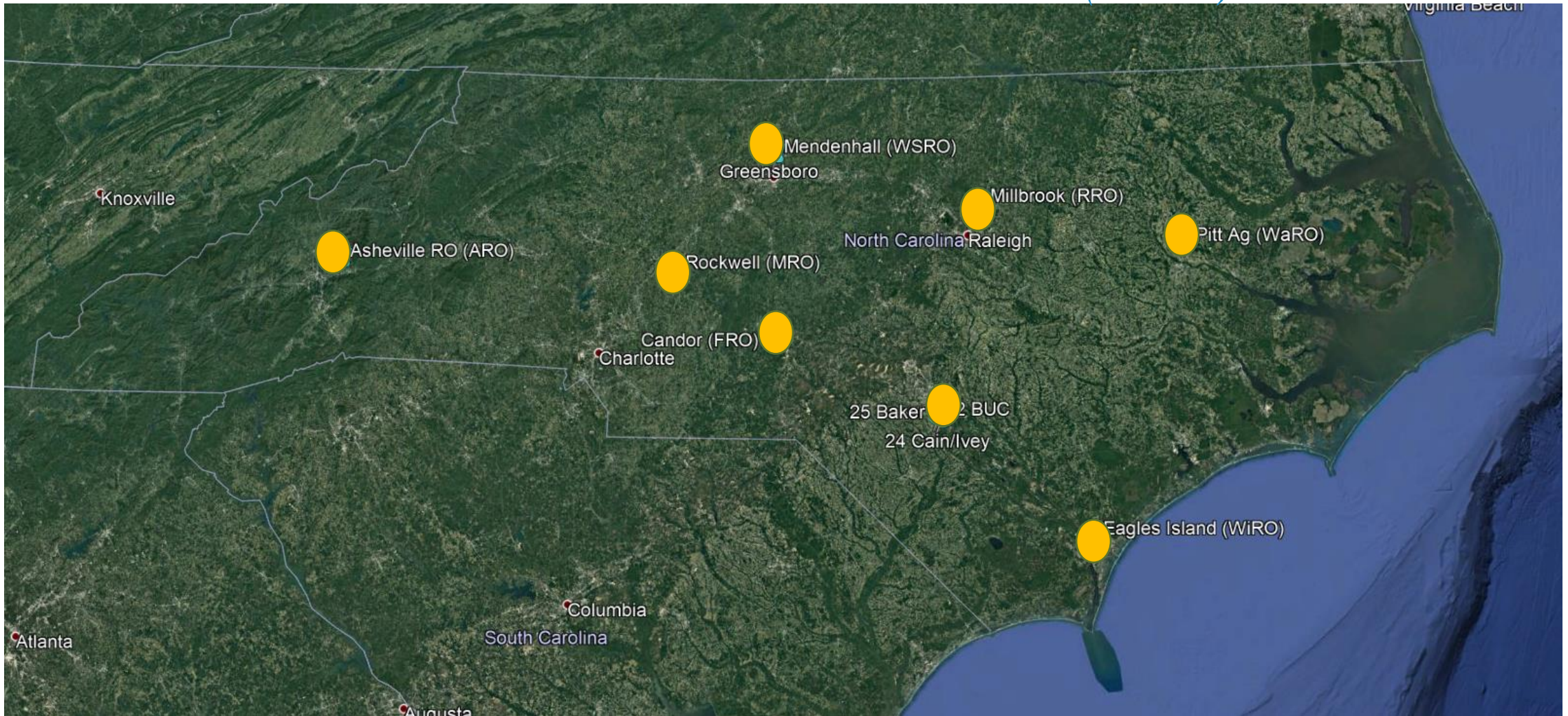
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Environmental Data

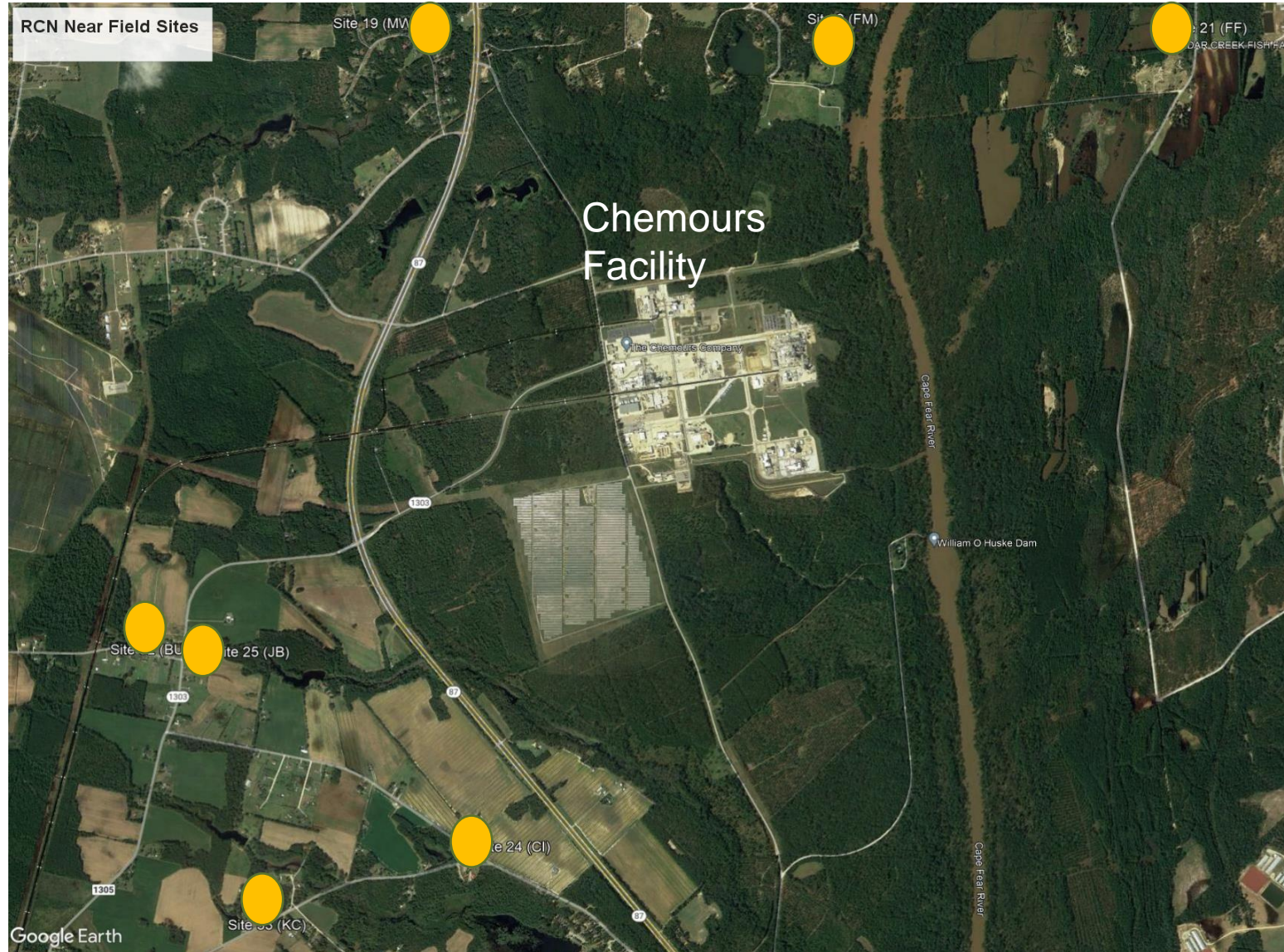
- Rainwater data describes atmospheric deposition of PFAS into rainwater and falling to the ground.
- Surface water is the visible water you can see in streams and lakes.

PFAS Type	PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	Environmental Data					
			Concentration in NC water (median (range)) ng/L ppt					
			DAQ Rainwater 2018-2021		Surface water			
			Chemours Area (n = 42)	Regional Sites (n =19)	DWR Lake data (n = 140)	DWR Chemours Outfall 002 (n = 213+)	Cape Fear, Lock & Dam (mean)	Chemours area (mean) (n=100)
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS			40 (37 - -42)	36 (2 - 82)	<10	1.3
		PFHxS	5.9		40 (20 - 70)	37 (2 - 82)	27	0.7
		PFOS	4.2 - 9.7	4.1 - 37	40 (17 - 590)	37 (2 - 82)	29	2.1
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	2.0 - 40	4.0 - 8.0	40 (17 - 160)	40 (3 - 160)	31	8.6
		PFPeA	4.3 - 14		40 (17 - 260)	35 (5 - 310)	35	6.3
		PFHxA			40 (31-350)	40 (3 - 98)	33	2
		PFOA	5.4 - 120	5.2 - 7.9	40 (26 - 90)	40 (4 - 130)	21	1
		PFNA			40 (16 - 160)	40 (1 - 82)	<10	0.4
		PFDA			40 (20 - 160)	40 (1 - 200)		3.7
		PFHpA	4.6		40 (13 - 280)	37 (2 - 82)	25	1.3
Consent Order Compounds	PFMOPrA#					@		
		PFMOBA#				@		
		PFMOAA					95000	76
	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PMPA#					740	696.6
		PFO2HxA					8200	296.6
		PEPA#					280	
		PFO3OA					7000	37.2
		HFPO-DA (GenX)			40 (16 - 42)	110 (21 - 39000)+	790	475.2
		PFO4DA					330	5.9
		PFO5DA					153	0.2
HydroEVE					<10			
Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1							
	Nafion By-prod2					<10	18.8	

Rainwater Collection Network (RCN)



Rainwater Collection Network Near Field Sites (RCN)



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Rainwater Data

- Atmospheric deposition of PFAS into rainwater is not the largest source of PFAS in North Carolina.
 - Small study, limitations
 - Since the Chemours Consent Order required a stack scrubber, 99.9% of PFAS/GenX has been removed from being deposited into the atmosphere.
- Atmospheric Deposition of contaminants is always an important source to consider and will be continually evaluated moving forward.

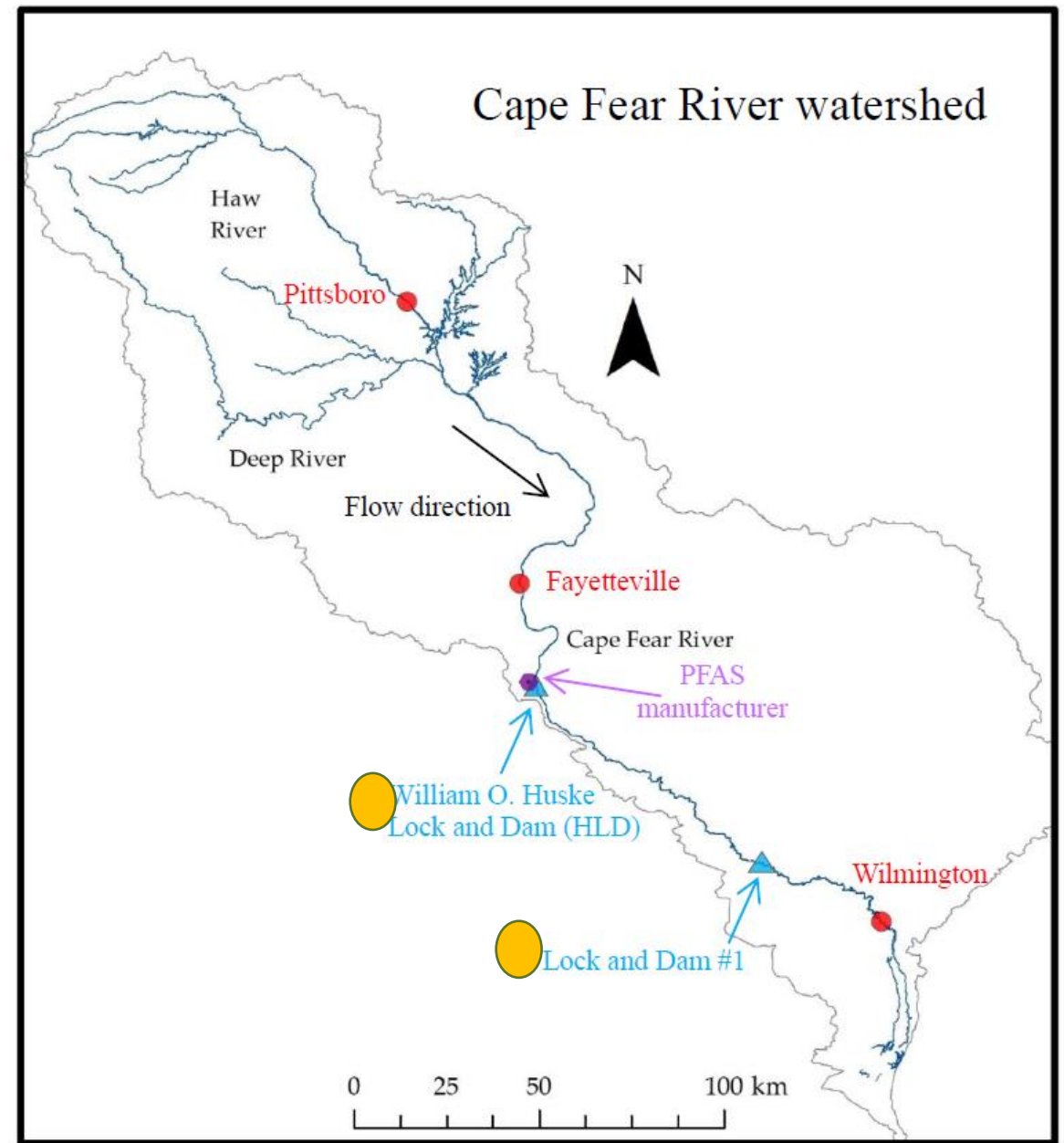
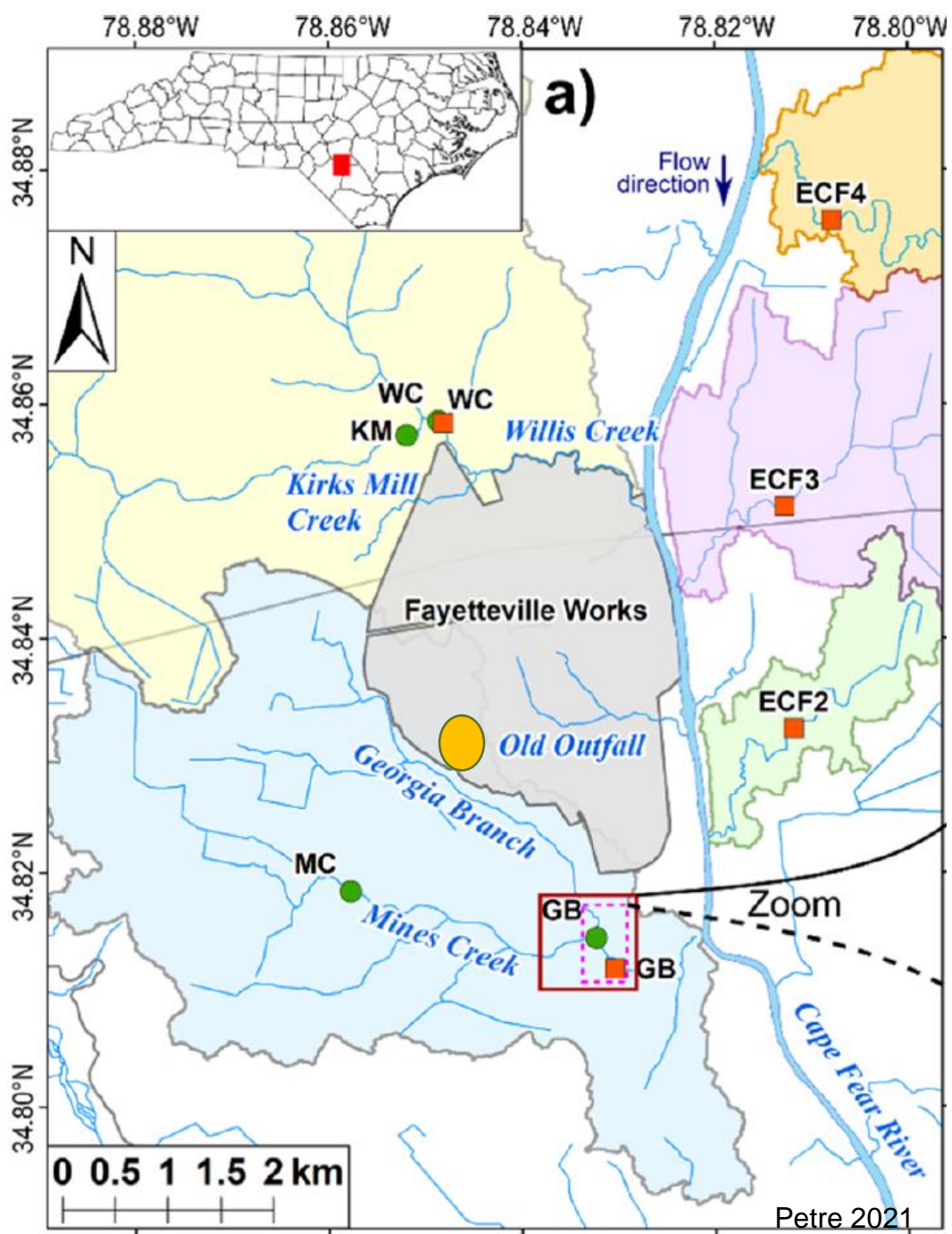
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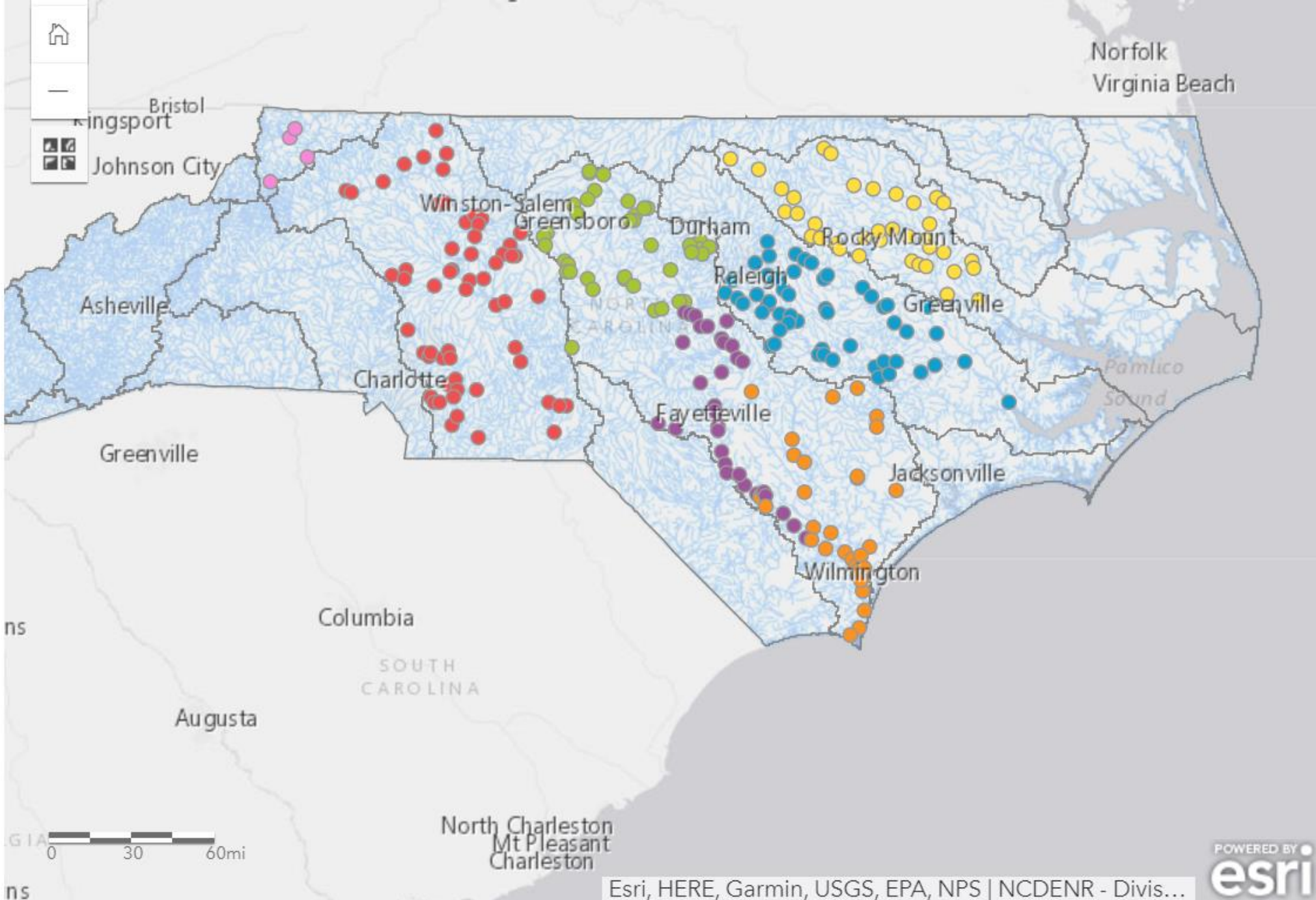
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Surface Water Data

- Surface water is the visible water you can see in streams and lakes.
- Surface water can collect many sources of contamination and identifying a clear point source can be difficult.
- The data here are from 4 different sources and locations.
- The locations from left to right increase in distance away from the Chemours site.





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Surface Water Data

- Surface water values can be confused by the presence/absence of point sources of contamination.
- Moving away from a point source can show a gradient of values.
- The lake data is pooled from all 270 sampling sites across the State of NC, including those downstream of a known point source.

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			Concentration in NC water (median (range)) ng/L ppt	
			Drinking Water Wells/ Groundwater	
			Chemours area (n=3406)	% Detection (n)
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	2.9 (0.9 - 21)	1.8% (63)
		PFHxS	3.5 (1.9 - 11)	1% (37)
		PFOS	6.9 (2.2 - 39)	1.4% (49)
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	7.5 (2.2 - 300)	3.2% (109)
		PFPeA	6.8 (2 - 53)	3.2% (109)
		PFHxA	3.4 (1.9 - 29)	2.5% (85)
		PFOA	4.5 (1.1 - 61)	2.6% (89)
		PFNA	3.5 (2.3 - 7.5)	0.2% (8)
		PFDA	3.2 (3 - 7.5)	0.1% (3)
		PFHpA	3 (0.9 - 43)	22% (740)
PFMOPrA [#]		@	@	
PFMOBA [#]		@	@	
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOAA	13 (2 - 3500)	66% (2241)
		PMPA [#]	63 (2 - 8800)	92% (3117)
		PFO2HxA	13 (1.5 - 2800)	73% (2495)
		PEPA [#]	33 (2 - 2100)	23% (792)
		PFO3OA	4.6 (1.3 - 490)	21% (704)
		HFPO-DA (GenX)	15 (2 - 3200)	69% (2355)
		PFO4DA	3.5 (1.1 - 230)	6% (216)
		PFO5DA	5.1 (2.1 - 460)	1% (34)
		HydroEVE		
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1	4.6 (1.5 - 20)	0.4% (14)
Nafion By-prod2		5.5 (1.1 - 110)	51% (1748)	

Groundwater Data

- Drinking water wells that are sourced through ground water have different PFAS concentrations.
- All values are median values-across individual wells and across the entire dataset.
 - Unique measurements may have had greater/lesser concentrations in previous DEQ presentations.
 - The median was calculated to be consistent across the entire table.
- Consent order compounds are most relevant to this area

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			Concentration in NC water (median (range)) ng/L		
			Drinking Water Wells/ Groundwater		
			Chemours area (n=3406)	% Detection (n)	
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	2.9 (0.9 - 21)	1.8% (63)	MI, MN
		PFHxS	3.5 (1.9 - 11)	1% (37)	VT, RI, MA, NH, MN, CT, AK, CO, DE, ME, MI, NM ³
		PFOS	6.9 (2.2 - 39)	1.4% (49)	MN, NH, RI, CA, NJ, NY
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	7.5 (2.2 - 300)	3.2% (109)	MN
		PFPeA	6.8 (2 - 53)	3.2% (109)	None
		PFHxA	3.4 (1.9 - 29)	2.5% (85)	MI
		PFOA	4.5 (1.1 - 61)	2.6% (89)	CA, RI, MA, NH, NY, CT, ME, AK, CO, DE, NM
		PFNA	3.5 (2.3 - 7.5)	0.2% (8)	MA, CT, NJ, NH, RI,
		PFDA	3.2 (3 - 7.5)	0.1% (3)	MA
		PFHpA	3 (0.9 - 43)	22% (740)	VT, CT, MA, RI
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		HydroEVE			None
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		PFMOPrA [#]	@	@	None
		PFMOBA [#]	@	@	None

Groundwater Data

- Consent order compounds are most relevant to this area.
- The Consent Order group of PFAS have less data than the legacy group.
- Not yet regulated by any state.
- GenX has health advisories in 3 states.

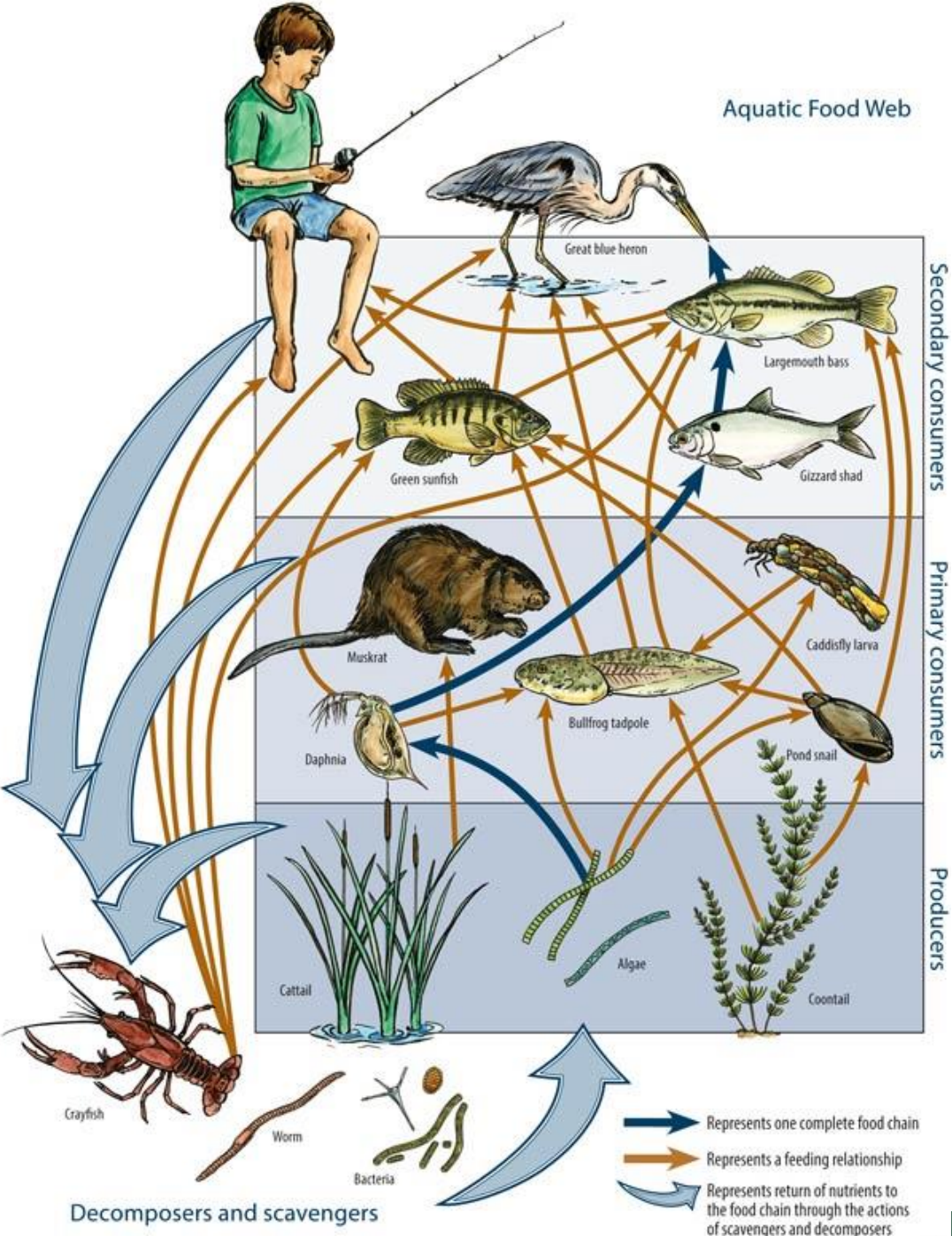
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			Conc in NC Striped Bass Serum [mean (range)] ng/L parts per trillion ⁴			
			Pamlico Field Lab (n = 29)	% Detection	Cape Fear River (n= 58)	% Detection
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	10 (10 - 200)	45%	200 (10 - 1400)	24%
		PFHxS	600	3%	800 (200 - 1000)	98%
		PFOS	9400 (4600 - 16500)	100%	490000 (122000 - 977000)	100%
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	all < LOD	0%	100 (100 - 200)	14%
		PFPeA				
		PFHxA				
		PFOA	200 (200 - 1100)	14%	600 (200 - 4300)	15%
		PFNA	500 (300 - 800)	96%	4500 (800 - 11600)	100%
		PFDA	2500 (1700 - 4600)	96%	68000 (10200 - 146000)	100%
		PFHpA				
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOAA				
		PMPA [#]	100 (100 - 100)	10%	100 (100 - 200)	14%
		PFO2HxA				
		PEPA [#]				
		PFO3OA				
		HFPO-DA (GenX)	160 (200 - 230)	10%	1900 (300 - 5900)	48%
		PFO4DA				
		PFO5DA	all < LOD	0%	500 (10 - 1400)	22%
		HydroEVE				
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1				
Nafion By-prod2	all < LOD	0%	300 (300-1000)	78%		

Blood Serum Data



- Blood data values are generally greater than water values since it is a biological fluid and is reflective of bioaccumulation.
- This data tells us that a higher trophic level fish is accumulating PFAS in greater concentrations than is in the water in which it lives.
 - Suggests bioaccumulation, not necessarily biomagnification.
- This data suggests that fish that are consumed by humans are accumulating PFAS and are a source of exposure.
- More data is needed.



- To better understand human exposure from fish consumption, more data is needed about contamination through the food web to determine if biomagnification is occurring.

- 10x increase in concentration with each trophic level

- The muscle of fish needs to be examined to determine how much of the PFAS is partitioning into that tissue.

- This is the best metric of human exposure.
 - This has not been done yet.

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			Blood Serum Data [median (range)] ng/L parts per trillion						
			Wilmington NC ⁵				Pittsboro NC ⁶	Fayetteville Works adjacent, NC ⁷	NHANES Data US Population [geo mean (95%CI)] (n=1929) ⁸
			Adults (n=289)	% Detection (n)	Children (n=55)	% Detection (n)	Adults (n=49)	Aduts (n=30)	
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS							
		PFHxS	3500 (1200 - 8600)	98% (282)	1900 (1.2-4.7)	98% (54)	3000 (20 - 12500)	2100 (700 - 6700)	1080 (990 - 1180)
		PFOS	9400 (3800-28200)	99% (287)	5100 (2800-11500)	100% (55)	11600 (3200 - 31800)	5500 (1400 - 34600)	4250 (3900 - 4620)
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA							
		PFPeA							
		PFHxA					1500 (300 - 4000)		<LOD
		PFOA	4800 (1700 - 11300)	99.7% (288)	3000 (1900 - 6500)	100% (*55)	6400 (2100 - 42400)	1800 (400 - 7300)	1420 (1330 - 1520)
		PFNA	1300 (600 - 3600)	97% (280)	800 (400 - 1500)	82% (45)	1500 (300 - 9500)	600 (<100 - 2100)	411 (360 - 460)
		PFDA					600 (400 - 2400)	200 (<100 - 1300)	200 (180 - 210)
		PFHpA	200 (100 - 1400)	59% (170)	400 (200 - 1000)	98% (54)		100 (<100 - 600)	
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		PFO2HxA							
		PEPA [#]							
		PFO3OA							
		HFPO-DA (GenX)	not detected	0%	not detected	0%	not detected	not detected	<LOD
		PFO4DA	2300 (400 - 13700)	98% (284)	2600 (700 - 8900)	100% (55)			
PFO5DA	300 (100 - 1000)	89% (256)	200 (100 - 400)	84% (46)					
HydroEVE									
Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1								
	Nafion By-prod2	3200 (1000 - 8500)	99% (286)	1600 (600 - 3800)	100% (55)				

Blood Serum Data

- Blood data values are generally greater than water values since it is a biological fluid and is reflective of bioaccumulation.
- Human blood data can tell us more about the exposure and accumulation that is occurring in North Carolina compared to the rest of the United States.

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PFAS Type	PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	Toxicity Data				
			Cellular Receptor Activity (mean fold induction relative to control)				
			PPAR α ⁹	PPAR γ ⁹	RXR β ⁹	ER α ⁹	Other Active Sites ¹⁰
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	1 - 5	1.5 - 11	1 - 1.5	0.5 - 5	CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CNG, ALDH1A1, NPSR, HTTQ103, VP16, ROR γ , G9a, JMJD2A, Nrf2, ELG1, Smad3, Gsgap, DNA re-replication, GLP-1, ATXN, HT-1080-NT, DT40-hTDP1, PIK PBD
		PFHxS					
		PFOS					
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	1 - 12 PFOA = 15	1 - 21 PFOA = 22	1 - 18 PFOA = 13	1 - 9 PFOA = 7	
		PFPeA					
		PFHxA					
		PFOA					
		PFNA					
		PFDA					
		PFHpA					
PFMOPrA [#]							
PFMOBA [#]							
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOAA	3 - 7	5.5 - 9	1.5 - 11	1 - 2	
		PMPA [#]					
		PFO2HxA					
		PEPA [#]					
		PFO3OA					
		HFPO-DA (GenX)					
		PFO4DA					
		PFO5DA					
		HydroEVE					
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1					
		Nafion By-prod2					

Toxicity Data

- Toxicity data tells us what PFAS does biochemically in the body.
- Cellular receptors are sites on the cells that can interact with proteins and contaminants.
- PPAR α reduces triglyceride level and is involved in regulation of energy homeostasis.
- PPAR γ causes insulin sensitization and enhances glucose metabolism.
- RXR β mediates the effects of retinoic acid which is related to learning and memory.
- ER α 1 is activated by the sex hormone estrogen.

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		PFHxS					
		PFOS					
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	1 - 12 PFOA = 15	1 - 21 PFOA = 22	1 - 18 PFOA = 13	1 - 9 PFOA = 7	
		PFPeA					
		PFHxA					
		PFOA					
		PFNA					
		PFDA					
		PFHpA					
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOPrA [#]	3 - 7	5.5 - 9	1.5 - 11	1 - 2	
		PFMOBA [#]					
		PFMOAA					
		PMPA [#]					
		PFO2HxA					
		PEPA [#]					
		PFO3OA					
		HFPO-DA (GenX)					
		PFO4DA					
	PFO5DA						
HydroEVE							
Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1						
	Nafion By-prod2						

Toxicity Data

- The numbers indicate the ‘average fold induction’ above a control chemical.
- This number shows how much greater the PFAS interacted with the cellular receptors than the control chemical.
- This helps us understand how PFAS acts in the body and possible health effects.

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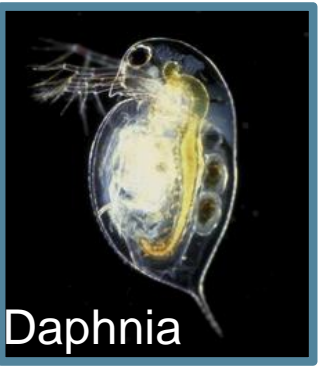
PFAS Type	PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	Toxicity Data		
			Non- Mammalian	Mammalian	Relative Potency in Rat (as compared to PFOA)
Legacy Compounds	Sulfonic Acids	PFBS	Zebrafish, Medaka, Trout ¹¹⁻¹³	Rat ²⁶	0.001
		PFHxS	Zebrafish ^{14,15}	Mouse ²¹	0.6
		PFOS	Zebrafish, Daphnia, Mysid Shrimp, Trout ¹⁴⁻¹⁶	Rat ^{26,27}	2
	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	Daphnia, Zebrafish, Trout ¹⁷⁻¹⁹	Rat ²⁶	0.05
		PFPeA	Daphnia, Trout ¹⁷⁻¹⁸	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28}	0.01<RPF<0.05
		PFHxA	Zebrafish, Daphnia, Trout ^{15,17-19}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28}	0.01
		PFOA	Zebrafish, Minnow, Daphnia ¹⁴⁻¹⁸	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28,29}	1
		PFNA	Daphnia ^{20,21}	Mouse ³⁴	10
		PFDA	Daphnia, Trout ²¹	Rat ²⁶	0.01<RPF<10
		PFHpA	Zebrafish, Daphnia ^{14,21}	Mouse ²⁸	0.01<RPF<1
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOPrA [#]		Mouse ³⁰	
		PFMObA [#]	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ³⁰	
		PFMOAA	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ^{30,31}	~1 ^{22,35}
		PMPA [#]	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO2HxA	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}
		PEPA [#]	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO3OA	Zebrafish ^{22,23}		~1 ^{22,35}
		HFPO-DA (GenX)	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,29,32}	~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO4DA	Zebrafish ^{22,23}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO5DA	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}
	HydroEVE	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}	
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1			
		Nafion By-prod2	*24,25	Mouse ³³	

Toxicity Data

- After cellular effects, toxicology moves to animal science.
- There are both mammalian and non-mammalian model animals used in the laboratory.
 - All offer different advantages depending on the question the researcher is asking, and no single model animal is better or more appropriate than others.

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			Non- Mammalian	Mammalian		
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		PFHxS	Zebrafish ^{14,15}	Mouse ²¹	0.6	
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	Carboxylic Acids	PFBA	Daphnia, Zebrafish, Trout ¹⁷⁻¹⁹	Rat ²⁶	0.05	
		PFPeA	Daphnia, Trout ¹⁷⁻¹⁸	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28}	0.01<RPF<0.05	
		PFHxA	Zebrafish, Daphnia, Trout ^{15,17-19}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28}	0.01	
		PFOA	Zebrafish, Minnow, Daphnia ¹⁴⁻¹⁸	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28,29}	1	
		PFNA	Daphnia ^{20,21}	Mouse ³⁴	10	
		PFDA	Daphnia, Trout ²¹	Rat ²⁶	0.01<RPF<10	
		PFHpA	Zebrafish, Daphnia ^{14,21}	Mouse ²⁸	0.01<RPF<1	
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOPrA [#]		Mouse ³⁰		
		PFMOBA [#]	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ³⁰		
		PFMOAA	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ^{30,31}	~1 ^{22,35}	
	PMPA [#]	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}		
	PFO2HxA	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}		
	PEPA [#]	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}		
	PFO3OA	Zebrafish ^{22,23}		~1 ^{22,35}		
	HFPO-DA (GenX)	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,29,32}	~1 ^{22,35}		
	PFO4DA	Zebrafish ^{22,23}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}		
	PFO5DA	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}		
	HydroEVE	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}		
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1				
		Nafion By-prod2	*24,25	Mouse ³³		



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		PFOS	Zebrafish, Daphnia, Mysid Shrimp, Trout ¹⁴⁻¹⁶	Rat ^{26,27}	2 ³⁶
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		PFHxA	Zebrafish, Daphnia, Trout ^{15,17-19}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28}	0.01 ³⁶
		PFOA	Zebrafish, Minnow, Daphnia ¹⁴⁻¹⁸	Rat, Mouse ^{26,28,29}	1 ³⁶
		PFNA	Daphnia ^{20,21}	Mouse ³⁴	10 ³⁶
		PFDA	Daphnia, Trout ²¹	Rat ²⁶	0.01<RPF<10 ³⁶
		PFHpA	Zebrafish, Daphnia ^{14,21}	Mouse ²⁸	0.01<RPF<1 ³⁶
Consent Order Compounds	Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOPrA [#]		Mouse ³⁰	
		PFMOBA [#]	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ³⁰	
		PFMOAA	Zebrafish ²²	Mouse ^{30,31}	~1 ^{22,35}
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	PMPA [#]	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO2HxA	Zebrafish ²²		~1 ^{22,35}
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		HFPO-DA (GenX)	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	Rat, Mouse ^{26,29,32}	~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO4DA	Zebrafish ^{22,23}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}
		PFO5DA	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}
	HydroEVE	Zebrafish ^{22,24,25*}	*24,25	~1 ^{22,35}	
	Ether Sulfonic Acids	Nafion By-prod1			
		Nafion By-prod2	*24,25	Mouse ³³	

Toxicity Data

- Relative Potency is an estimate of the adverse effects based on a chemical that we know more about.
- In this data, PFOA is the chemical all others are compared to and takes a value of 1.
- The effects of the other PFAS are compared to PFOA so all other numbers are relative to 1.

How can we use all this data?

- The data provides a lot of information – how can we use it?
 - Other states have not regulated some of the most prevalent PFAS in NC.
 - One exception – PFHpA;
 - This is a Consent Order compound that is regulated in other states, less potent and prevalent than some others.
 - It has a 22% detection in groundwater and has been detected in human samples.
 - Found in lakes across NC and in rainwater close to the Chemours site.
 - Recent development in sampling and analysis of PFAS foam throughout the state is providing more information about the complexity of PFAS contamination.

How can we use all this data?

- Potential Options:
 1. Determine which PFAS are at the nexus of having the most information and being the most prevalent in NC and start with that group.
 1. Use PFHpA as a starting point and build on similar characteristics and data?
 2. Emulate the regulations of other states that have grouped legacy PFAS.
 3. Work only with those that are the most prevalent in NC regardless of the amount of information that is known about them.
 4. How to proceed with PFAS either as class or individually?
 1. Current Congressional and EPA activities could influence our path forward.

How could we use PFHpA as a starting point?

PFAS Group	PFAS Compound	Fluorinated Carbons	Total Chain Length	Molecular Formula	Molecular Weight (g/mol)	Water Solubility (20-25C (g/L))	PPAR α ¹	PPAR γ ¹	RXR β ¹	ER α ¹	Other Active Sites ²⁰	Non- Mammalian	Mammalian	Relative Potency in Rat (as compared to PFOA)	Surface water				Drinking Water Wells/ Groundwater		Pamlico Field Lab (n = 29)	% Detection	Cape Fear River (n= 58)	% Detection	Adults (n=289)	% Detection (n)	Children (n=55)	% Detection (n)	Aduts (n=30)	States with Regulation or Guidance?					
Carboxylic Acids	PFHpA	6	7	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₂	364.06	4.2	1 - 12	1 - 21	1 - 18	1 - 9	Many	Zebrafish, Daphnia	Mouse	0.01<RPF<1	37 (2 - 82)	25	1.3	40 (13 - 280)	3 (0.9 - 43)	22% (740)					200 (100 - 1400)	59% (170)	400 (200 - 1000)	98% (54)	100 (<100 - 600)	VT, CT, MA, RI					
Ether Carboxylic Acids	PFMOAA	2	4	C ₃ HF ₅ O ₃	180.03		3 - 7	5.5 - 9	1.5 - 11	1 - 2	CYP2D6, HTTQ103, G9a, JMJD2A, ATXN, HT-1080-NT, DT40-hTDP1	Zebrafish	Mouse	~1		95000	76		13 (2 - 3500)	66% (2241)															
	PMPA [#]	3	5	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₃	230.04							Zebrafish		~1		740	696.6		63 (2 - 8800)	92% (3117)	100 (100 - 100)	10%	100 (100 - 200)	14%											
	PFO2HxA	3	6	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₄	246.04							Zebrafish		~1		8200	296.6		13 (1.5 - 2800)	73% (2495)															
	PEPA [#]	4	6	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₃	280.04							Zebrafish		~1		280			33 (2 - 2100)	23% (792)															
	PFO3OA	4	8	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₅	312.04							Zebrafish		~1		7000	37.2		4.6 (1.3 - 490)	21% (704)															
	HFPO-DA (GenX)	5	7	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₃	330.05	300						Zebrafish*	Rat, Mouse ^{5,14,19}	~1	110 (21 - 39000)+	790	475.2	40 (16 - 42)	15 (2 - 3200)	69% (2355)	160 (200 - 230)	10%	1900 (300 - 5900)	48%											
	PFO4DA	5	10	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₆	378.05							Zebrafish	*	~1		330	5.9		3.5 (1.1 - 230)	6% (216)									2300 (400 - 13700)	98% (284)	2600 (700 - 8900)	100% (55)			
	PFO5DA	6	12	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₇	444.06							Zebrafish*	*	~1 [^]		153	0.2		5.1 (2.1 - 460)	1% (34)	all < LOD	0%	500 (10 - 1400)	22%	300 (100 - 1000)	89% (256)	200 (100 - 400)	84% (46)							
Ether Sulfonic Acids	HydroEVE	6	10	C ₈ H ₂ F ₁₄ O ₄	428.08							Zebrafish*	*	~1	<10																				
	Nafion By-prod1	7	10	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₅ S	444.12									4.6 (1.5 - 20)	0.4% (14)																				
	Nafion By-prod2	7	10	C ₇ H ₂ F ₁₄ O ₅ S	464.13							*	Mouse ²³		<10	18.8		5.5 (1.1 - 110)	51% (1748)	all < LOD	0%	300 (300 - 1000)	78%	3200 (1000 - 8500)	99% (286)	1600 (600 - 3800)	100% (55)								

Questions for the Board

- Does the expanded data table change or strengthen the recommendations you made at the last meeting?
- What do you think of each of the 4 possible approaches? Are there any additional approaches you would suggest DEQ explore further?
- Do you think we have enough data to make a decision about which approach to take?
- What would the Board like to be taken on to support the PFAS effort?

Thank you.

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Keys to Toxicity Data Abbreviations and Computational Grouping Information

Supplementary Table 1- the ToxPrint Group information from Houck et al 2021.

code	ToxPrint Group Name	Casrn	Chemical name	abbrv	Notes
1	Perfluoroalkane sulfonate	3871-99-6	Potassium perfluorohexanesulfonate	PfHxS	salt form
		29420-49-3	Potassium perfluorobutanesulfonate	PFBS	salt form
		2795-39-3	Potassium perfluorooctanesulfonate	PFOS	salt form
		2806-15-7	Sodium perfluorodecanesulfonate	PFDS	not in NC table; salt form
2	Perfluorakyl (linear) sulfonates	1763-23-1	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	PFOS	
		355-46-4	Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	PFHxS	
		375-92-8	Perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid	PFHpS	not in NC table
		375-73-5	Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	PFBS	
5	Perfluoroalkyl ether carboxylates	62037-80-3	Ammonium perfluoro-2-methyl-3-oxahexanoate	Gen X	salt form
		55621-21-1	Perfluoro-3,6-dioxaoctane-1,8-dioic acid	PFDoDa	
		377-73-1	Perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid	PFMOPra	
		801212-59-9	Perfluoro-4-isopropoxybutanoic acid	PFPE-1	not in NC table
7	Perfluoroalkyl (linear) Carboxylic Acids	13252-13-6	Perfluoro-2-methyl-3-oxahexanoic acid	GenX	
		422-64-0	Perfluoropropanoic acid	PFProA	not in NC table
		2706-90-3	Perfluoropentanoic acid	PFPeA	
		335-67-1	Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	
		375-95-1	Perfluorononanoic acid	PFNA	
		307-24-4	Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHxA	
		375-22-4	Perfluorobutanoic acid	PFBA	
		335-76-2	Perfluorodecanoic acid	PFDA	
9	Perfluoroalkyl carboxylic acids (PFCAs) their salts and esters	375-85-9	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	PFHpA	
		865-79-2	Chloro-perfluorononanoic acid	PFOA	salt form

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Target Class	Target	Description
G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs)	NPSR	The neuropeptide S receptor (NPSR), which is highly expressed in brain areas involving modulation of arousal, stress and anxiety, could be a novel drug target for the treatment of sleep and anxiety disorders. This assay is conducted to identify NPSR antagonists.
	GLP-1	The overall aim of this assay is to discover ligands for class B1 GPCRs. Specifically, this assay focused on class B1 receptor for glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), which is a potential therapeutic target for diabetes and neurodegenerative disease.
ion channel	CNG	The cyclic nucleotide gated (CNG) ion channel was used as a biosensor for cAMP induction in this assay. The rationale is that cAMP stimulation will cause the CNG ion channel to open and subsequent membrane depolarization to occur.
miscellaneous	DNA re-replication	This assay is used to screen small molecules that induce DNA re-replication, which can cause the DNA damage response, arrest cell proliferation, and trigger apoptosis.
other enzymes	CYP2C9 , CYP3A4, CYP2D6	Cytochromes P450 (CYP) are a group of heme-thiolate monooxygenases that oxidize a variety of substances including steroids, fatty acids, and xenobiotics. In these assays, three different CYPs (CYP2C9, CYP3A4, and CYP2D6) were used to screen inhibitors and substrates for those CYP enzymes.
	ALDH1A1	Aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 (ALDH1A1) is an enzyme that oxidizes a variety of endogenous and exogenous aldehydes to the corresponding carboxylic acids and is the critical step for retinoic acid metabolism. In this assay, inhibitors of ALDH1A1 were identified.
	G9a	G9a is a histone methyltransferase that is responsible for histone H3 lysine 9 (H3K9) mono- and di-methylation. It has been recognized as a potential drug target for several human diseases, including cancer. The goal of this assay is to identify inhibitors of G9a.
promoter	ELG1	As the major subunit of a Replication Factor C-like complex, ELG1 is critical to ensure genomic stability during DNA replication ¹⁴ . This assay identifies small molecules that block ELG1 function.
	ATXN	Ataxin-2 protein (ATXN2) is encoded by the ATXN2 gene. The mutation in ATXN2 could cause Spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 (SCA2) disease. The objective of this assay is to identify compounds that inhibit the expression of ATXN2.
protein kinase	Plk1 PBD	Polo-like kinase 1 (Plk1) is a member of a conserved subfamily of serine / threonine protein kinases and plays a central role in cell proliferation. Plk1 is a potential target for anti-cancer therapy. This assay aimed to identify inhibitors that target the Plk1 polo-box domain (PBD).
protein-protein interaction	K18	In this assay, a recombinantly expressed fragment of tau, K18 was used to identify inhibitors of tau (which is an abundant protein in the axons of neurons that stabilizes microtubules) aggregation.
	HTTQ103	When exon 1 of HTTQ103 (Huntingtin protein containing 103 polyglutamines expansion) is expressed, it causes cell death and GFP aggregates. This assay screens for small molecules that reduce aggregate formation.
	JMJD2A	JMJD2A is a jumonji-domain-containing lysine demethylase. In this assay, the inhibitors of JMJD2A-tudor domain interactions (which is helpful in probing the regulatory pathways of selective demethylation of a given methyllysine locus) were identified ²⁰ . signaling pathway Gsgsp The objective of this assay is to identify molecules with inhibitory activity at gsp mutations, which are responsible for McCune-Albright syndrome.
transcription factor	RORγ	The goal of this assay is to identify small molecules that inhibit ROR (retinoic acid-related orphan receptor) gamma activity.
	VP16	The goal of this assay is to identify small molecules that inhibit components common to both ROR gamma and VP16 transcription factor.
	Nrf2	Nrf2 is a transcription factor that maintains cellular redox homeostasis and protects cells from xenobiotics. This assay is used to screen inhibitors of Nrf2 function, which could be potential therapeutic targets for improvement in cancer treatment.
	Smad3	TGF-β signaling pathway plays important roles in cellular and development pathways. Smad3 is the primary transducer of TGF-β's signals and regulates many functions related to TGF-β signaling. The goal of this assay is to identify Smad3-small molecule antagonists.
viability	HT-1080-NT	In this assay, a synthetic lethal screen was conducted for chemical probes specific for 2HG-producing tumor cells using HT-1080-NT fibrosarcoma cell line.
	DT40-hTDP1*	Human tyrosyl-DNA phosphodiesterase 1 (HTDP1) is a novel repair gene and can be used as a new target for anti-cancer drug development. In this assay, after exposure to small molecules in the absence of camptothecin, the growth kinetics of DT40-hTDP1 cells were evaluated to determine whether the molecules can inhibit the TDP1-mediated repair pathway.
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