



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

SUBJECT: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination

PURPOSE: To examine PFAS contamination in water

Thursday, November 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large family of synthetic chemicals first developed in the 1940s to be resistant to oil, water, and heat. PFAS, which have been found to have harmful human health impacts, are commonly referred to as “forever chemicals” because of their resistance to degradation and their persistence in the environment.

PFAS are also pervasive, being present in consumer products, manufacturing processes, and when landfilled, in leachate. For the past several years, the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee has taken significant steps to enact laws prohibiting PFAS usage, including restricting its use in apparel, food packaging, carpets, and firefighting foam. Additional restrictions have also been established for drinking water. However, less attention has been paid to PFAS once it has been released into the environment. The purpose of this hearing is to examine PFAS contamination in ground, surface, and storm water, with a focus on the role of wastewater treatment plants in removing such contaminants.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes’ duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Deborah J. Glick
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Environmental Conservation

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on PFAS Contamination to be conducted by the Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation on November 21, 2024.

- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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