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Ms. Lisa Daniels  
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Dear Ms. Daniels:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on September 6, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Perfluorinated Chemicals in the Environment: An Update on the Response to Contamination and Challenges Presented."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. Also attached are Member requests made during the hearing. To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Kelly Collins, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [kelly.collins@mail.house.gov](mailto:kelly.collins@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachments

## Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. Your testimony mentions obtaining toxicity values for newly manufactured PFAS chemicals. I understand we don't have those kinds of values on the majority of existing PFAS compounds.
  - a. If true, how should we treat them?
2. Your testimony talks about the ATSDR's draft minimal risk level. Dr. Grevatt tried to differentiate between the lifetime level set with the EPA health advisory and the daily intake amount being suggested by ATSDR.
  - a. How does your State or other drinking water officials use that level in terms of setting its standards?
3. How many states are prevented from being more stringent than the Federal government?
  - a. Do they have other ways to try and tackle this issue?
  - b. Is this issue serious enough that they should ask EPA to issue an imminent hazard action under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act?
4. Your testimony argues that EPA should at some time soon make a determination to regulate PFAS.
  - a. Are you suggesting this about PFOA and PFOS, or all 3,500 plus PFAS chemicals?
  - b. If you were asked to make an argument in view of the unregulated contaminant monitoring data that regulating PFAS should be done because it represents a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction", what would your argument be?
5. How would you design the coordinated Federal framework of which you speak?
  - a. Does Dr. Grevatt's explanation of the PFAS Framework meet the needs of your concerns?
6. What do you mean when you testify that EPA should "take other steps to control and limit PFAS contamination of the environment and the public's drinking water"?
  - a. From a legislative perspective, how would you expand EPA's PFAS focus across all EPA programs?
7. Scientifically speaking, is PFAS the most significant drinking water concern facing state regulators?

## **Attachment 2—Member Requests for the Record**

*During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. For your convenience, descriptions of the requested information are provided below.*

### **The Honorable Richard Hudson**

1. During the first panel today, Dr. Grevatt from EPA mentioned the states could use their SRFs if they choose to address PFAS contamination. Do you know how many states already do this?