

Joint Position Statement

PFAS Treatment and Disposal Should Avoid Present and Future Toxic Effect

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We seek to protect human health and the environment by calling for the immediate implementation of safer alternatives to incineration/combustion of PFAS products, wastes and contaminated media. Treatment and destruction technologies for PFAS must ensure that chemicals of concern or other harmful compounds, such as newly formed persistent organic pollutants or other hazardous substances, are not released to the environment. In destroying PFAS, the need/objective is irreversibly transforming chemicals in order to avoid any present and potential toxic effect. Collected PFAS product should remain STORED within each state until safe alternatives to incineration are in place and fully operational.

Where PFAS contamination is found or suspected to exist, testing and cleanup methods and remedies implemented should be fully protective of human and ecological health, prevent toxic emissions/releases, be readily and properly monitored, and provide permanent solutions. All PFAS wastes should have an authorized treatment plan acceptable to communities, tribes and indigenous peoples which excludes incineration and burial, for those both directly and indirectly impacted. Consistent with the public's right to know, PFAS products and wastes should be subject to manifest requirements similar to PCBs (as in 40 CFR 761.207).

Endorsed by the following Wisconsin-based organizations:

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB)
Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin
Midwest Environmental Justice Organization
Concerned Friends and Neighbors – Marinette WI
Fire Fighter Cancer Foundation
Sustain Rural Wisconsin Network
Farms Not Factories
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin
Wisconsin Environmental Health Network (WEHN)
Wisconsin Resources Protection Council
Family Farm Defenders
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