

Challenges Facing EPA's Pesticide and Chemical Programs Response to PFAS Issues

This presentation will give a brief review of EPA actions on PFAS over the past years, especially in the EPA programs regulating pesticides and industrial chemicals - EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP).

Among other efforts, EPA's chemicals program has imposed testing requirements, negotiated phase-out of certain perfluorinated compounds, and imposed new reporting requirements about possible sources of PFAS exposure. For pesticides, the discovery of PFAS in the lining of pesticide containers has led to additional review of possible exposures from routine pesticide use.

Challenging science risk assessment questions, public demands for action, the pace of federal regulatory procedures, and varying state requirements and restrictions are among the swirl of issues facing federal agencies, including EPA generally and especially EPA's industrial chemical and pesticide regulatory programs.