

THE PROBLEM

Toxic chemicals known as Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are known as forever chemicals because they never break-down.

CURRENT POLICY STATUS

In 2024, P.A. 24-59 became law with unanimous support from CT legislators. The law bans PFAS in consumer products where safer alternatives exist, including apparel, cookware, cosmetics, and firefighting gear. Recognized nationally, it's a key step in reducing PFAS contamination.

In 2019, under Gov. Lamont's leadership, CT launched a PFAS Action Plan requiring state agencies to reduce contamination, monitor sites, and implement remediation efforts—earning national recognition for its comprehensive approach.

THREATS TO PROGRESS

The Cookware Sustainability Alliance is pushing to exempt non-stick cookware from PFAS regulations, claiming PTFE coatings are safe. This ignores the environmental and health risks associated with PTFE's production and use. PTFE (coatings on non-stick pans) is still PFAS. Safer alternatives like cast iron, stainless steel, and ceramic exist. To uphold the integrity of the law and protect public health, this rollback must be rejected.

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS NEEDED

Legislative policies are still needed to address drinking water quality, wastewater treatment funding, and on-going support for monitoring and remediation of soil, wells and contaminated sites.



Toxic PFAS chemicals remain in our bodies for years, and in the environment, for millions of years. As PFAS build up in the environment, future generations risk exposure at higher levels than today.



Nearly every American has PFAS in their body, found in blood, breast milk, and umbilical cord blood of newborn babies. They are linked to cancers, fertility disorders, chronic health issues, and decreased responses to vaccines.



Fish in the Farmington and Hockanum rivers have been found to have PFAS, requiring fish consumption advisories. PFAS contaminating water, soil, and plants, which affect wildlife, fish, and ultimately humans.



MORE INFORMATION

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