

Fact Sheet

PFAS Strategic Plan

The Department of Environmental Quality is the lead recipient of a \$6 million grant as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program. This grant will support development and implementation of DEQ's PFAS Strategic Plan, focusing on addressing "forever chemicals" (per- and poly-fluorinated substances) in Oregon's air, land and water.

About this project

DEQ's PFAS Strategic Plan will guide the agency's approach to prevention, reduction, assessment, investigation, and elimination of PFAS throughout the state. DEQ will prioritize actions that have the most significant benefits to air, land and water quality, including, but not limited to pollution prevention, identifying alternatives, modeling PFAS movement, offering guidance or technical assistance to regulated entities, and educating the public on PFAS risks and exposure.

Environmental justice

The plan will incorporate environmental justice by addressing disproportionate risks to communities facing increased PFAS exposure, such as Tribal people who rely on native fish and wildlife and people who live near sources pollution. Toxic contamination, especially from PFAS, poses a significant health risk to these communities. Efforts to prevent PFAS contamination in Oregon will be aimed at reducing and eliminating exposure to disproportionately high levels of contamination.



Project outcomes

Developing and publishing the final PFAS Strategic Plan is an important first step toward addressing PFAS pollution. Short-term objectives are to gain more knowledge about PFAS, such as:

- PFAS concentrations in air, land and water;
- Sources of PFAS and mitigation approaches; and
- Public awareness about PFAS exposure routes and ways to reduce risks.

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Mid-term and long-term outcomes are expected to include reducing PFAS in commercial and industrial use, developing regulatory tools to address and prevent PFAS contamination, properly managing and treating PFAS waste, and collaborating and communicating with stakeholders to address PFAS comprehensively.

For more information

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