

# AAAS EPI Center and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

## Roundtables: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Drinking Water

### Agenda Roundtables 1 & 2: Information Overview

Wednesday, December 2 1:00-2:30 pm ET

Friday, December 4 3:00-4:30 pm ET

#### Goals:

- Provide a high-level overview of the scientific evidence for PFAS and drinking water;
- Connect decision-makers with scientific experts, as well as other colleagues addressing these issues, who can help inform how to engage with constituents and fellow policy makers and incorporate scientific information into their decision-making;
- Discuss how scientific evidence is and is not informing decision-making, such as understanding when and why PFAS found in drinking water (and other exposure pathways) are of concern to communities, how to assess where those substances are coming from and who is responsible for mitigating exposure, and how best to understand options for reducing if not eliminating risks posed by these substances; and
- Identify opportunities and challenges communities are facing based on disproportionate impacts from drinking water contamination.

#### ➤ **Welcome, Background, Goals, Agenda Review and Protocols** (10 minutes)

- Lisa Janairo, Program Director, Council of State Governments, Manager, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus
- Rebecca Aicher, Project Director, EPI Center
- Abby Dilley, Vice President of Programs, RESOLVE

#### ➤ **Scientific Overview of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances** (20 minutes)

- Laurel Schaidler, Research Scientist, Silent Spring Institute (15 minutes)
- Questions and Answers (5 minutes)

#### ➤ **Addressing Community Risks Posed by PFAS Contaminants** (10 minutes)

- Phil Brown, Distinguished Professor, Northeastern University

#### ➤ **Community Case Example from New Hampshire** (20 minutes)

- Hon. Wendy Thomas, New Hampshire State Legislator, Merrimack, NH
- Shaun Mulholland, City Manager, Lebanon, NH

#### ➤ **Facilitated Questions, Answers and Discussion** (15 minutes)

#### ➤ **Additional Information Needs and Opportunities, and Wrap Up** (10 minutes)

#### ➤ **Evaluation and Adjourn** (5 minutes)

**Agenda Roundtable 3: Opportunities and Challenges to Addressing PFAS in Drinking Water**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 1:00-2:30 pm ET**

*Goals:*

- Build on the informational overview session and insights gained from other examples to probe options for addressing risks posed by PFAS contaminated drinking water, including prioritizing disproportionate impacts for action;
- Discuss the necessity of communicating with constituents and engaging community stakeholders in working constructively together to address PFAS; and
- Determine any additional information that could support further deliberations and decision-making among colleagues to reduce if not eliminate the risks posed by PFAS.

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➤ **Brief Participant Introductions (5 minutes)**

➤ **Case Examples: How are Michigan and North Carolina responding to PFAS? (30 minutes)**

- Steve Sliver, Executive Director, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)
- Jeff Warren, Executive Director, North Carolina Policy Collaboratory

➤ **Facilitated Interactive Panel Discussion (15 minutes)**

➤ **Breakout Session: Engaging with your Community on PFAS (20 minutes)**

- Workshopping Community Strategies
- Workshopping Risk Communication

➤ **Additional Informational Needs and Potential for GLLC Legislative Action (10 minutes)**

➤ **Wrap Up and Adjourn**