



PFAS: What they are, why they matter, where they are, and who is concerned about them

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Presenter biography

Cheryl Hogue has spent decades as a journalist covering pollution, climate change, and regulation of commercial chemicals, both nationally and internationally. She earned an M.S. in environmental sciences and policy from the Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. in biology from the College of William & Mary. In her spare time, Cheryl is a birder and birding field trip leader.



Presentation abstract

A group of widely used industrial substances sometimes called “forever chemicals” are making headlines in the US and around the world. This presentation will focus on what per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are and what are they used for. It will also probe: Why are PFAS getting so much attention? Where are they turning up in the environment? Who is focusing on PFAS pollution?