

# CT Interagency PFAS Task Force

**Human Health Committee  
September 10, 2019  
Hearing Room 1-D, Legislative Office Building  
1:00-3:00**

**DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT of ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



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# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
  - Please use the sign up sheet for public comment
- Recap of August Meetings
- Discussion of Potential Actions
- Next Steps
- Public Comment

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# Welcome & Introductions

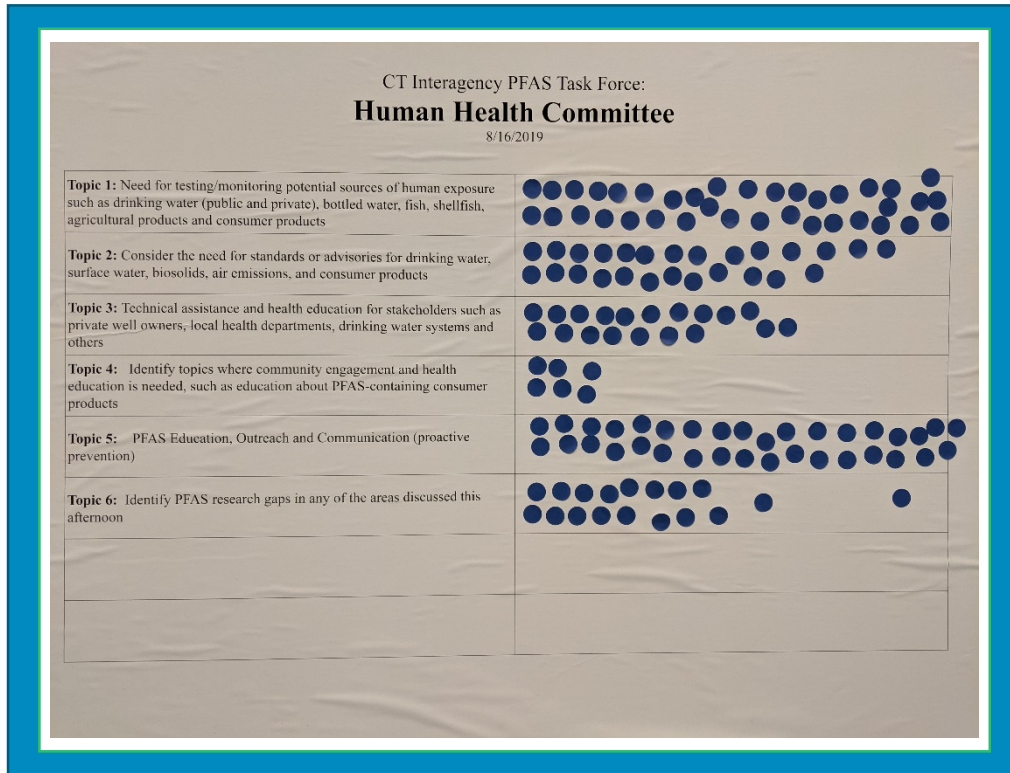
## Mission:

“The Human Health Committee seeks to identify pathways of human exposure to PFAS and recommend actions CT can take to better understand these pathways and minimize exposure to PFAS from these pathways.”

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# Dot Poll Results-August 16, 2019



| Topic Number | Number of Votes |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Topic 1      | 37 Votes        |
| Topic 2      | 35 Votes        |
| Topic 3      | 26 Votes        |
| Topic 4      | 6 Votes         |
| Topic 5      | 35 Votes        |
| Topic 6      | 18 Votes        |

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# Topics that were most important to you

**Communication**  
**PFAS Testing**  
**Need For Standards**

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## Information Shared with the Human Health Committee

- CT Agricultural Experiment Station - Sara Nason
- Toxicology White Paper – Rich Desroiers, GZA
- UCONN Center for Environmental Studies & Engineering-  
Chris Perkins
- Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture - Kristin DeRosia-  
Bannick
- Communications and Standards References and Tools -  
Kirsten Ryan, Kleinfelder

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# Risk Communication - Local Health Departments and Town Officials

## Lessons Learned from Caroline Basiley's presentation

- Collaboration and cooperation among Local, State and Federal partners
- Unified Message – Fact sheets were key for information
- Local Health is the expert in communicating the needs of the community and educating the public

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# Discussion of Potential Actions

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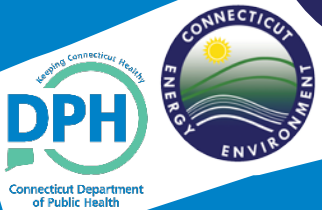




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# Communication

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# Public Outreach Team

- **CT Interagency Public Outreach Team**
- **Trained & Available to provide outreach during events**
- **Trained & Available for public outreach events such as presentations and public availability sessions**
- **Involve Local Health**

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# External and Internal Communications

- Create a publicly available electronic library of communications templates
- Maintain state knowledge base through continued involvement in national, regional and professional workgroups

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# PFAS Testing

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# Laboratory Capacity

- Support Method 537.1 accreditation for State Public Health Laboratory
- Support the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in developing accredited laboratory methods for additional matrices
- Recognize the University of Connecticut's Laboratory & develop a work plan for assisting DEEP and DPH work
- Continue Laboratory work group

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# Agricultural Products

- Support development of laboratory analytical methods to measure PFAS in agricultural products
- Monitor/conduct research on plant and animal uptake of PFAS
- Formalize a notification process for PFAS releases that may impact aquaculture resources

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# Public Drinking Water

- **Public Water System testing for PFAS using a phased approach based upon:**
  - **Source vulnerability**
  - **Vulnerable populations**
- **Provide assistance to disadvantaged communities**
- **Ensure that the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund is available for financial assistance**

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# Private Wells

- Support the creation and maintenance of a Private Well Database and Geographic Information System tools
- Agencies to provide assistance to local health departments and districts for private well sampling

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# Bottled Water

- Require PFAS testing of sources that are approved by the DPH
- Agencies should consider and discuss a requirement for PFAS testing of finished bottled water

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# Consumer Products

- Convene an ad hoc group to review the most current research and national actions regarding food packaging/consumer products.

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# Biomonitoring

- Maintain and strengthen partnerships with Yale University, UCONN and other academic institutions.
- Create an academic roundtable that periodically meets to share initiatives, research and work to enhance the knowledge of PFAS human impact

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# Need For Standards

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# Drinking Water Action Level

- Continue to monitor the evolving scientific literature on PFAS health effects
- Stay abreast of other states' activities relative to PFAS drinking water guidelines/standards
- Update the PFAS Action Level as warranted by the PFAS scientific literature

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# Standards

- Create a drinking water quality advisory council to make recommendations to the Commissioner of DPH for MCLs, treatment methods, notification requirements and testing requirements
- Ensure that decisions are based in the most current science and practices.

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# Possible Legislation

- Establish a Drinking Water Quality Advisory Council
- Address lack of private well testing
- Evaluate CGS 22a-471 to support the actions in the Plan

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# Task Force & Committee Actions

Governor Lamont orders formation of Task Force

**7/8**

**Meeting 1**  
Convene Task Force and establish committees

**7/30**

**Meeting 2**  
Working session: review committee progress and provide input

**8/28**

**Meeting 3**  
Review and assemble final Action Plan draft

**9/18**

Task Force chairs submit **Draft** PFAS Action Plan to Governor Lamont

**10/1**

Final PFAS Action Plan to Governor Lamont

**11/1**



**Week of 8/12**

Committees meet to outline proposed actions

**Week of 9/9**

Committees draft Action Plan sections

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Pollution Prevention Committee:** 9/11/19, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM, Gina McCarthy Auditorium, DEEP
- **Remediation Committee:** 9/12/19, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gina McCarthy Auditorium, DEEP
- **Task Force Meeting:** 9/18/19, Hearing Room 1-D, Legislative Office Building

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# STATE AGENCY COMMENTS

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