Forever Chemicals, Changing Rules: PFAS Regulations, Forensics, and Remedial Responses

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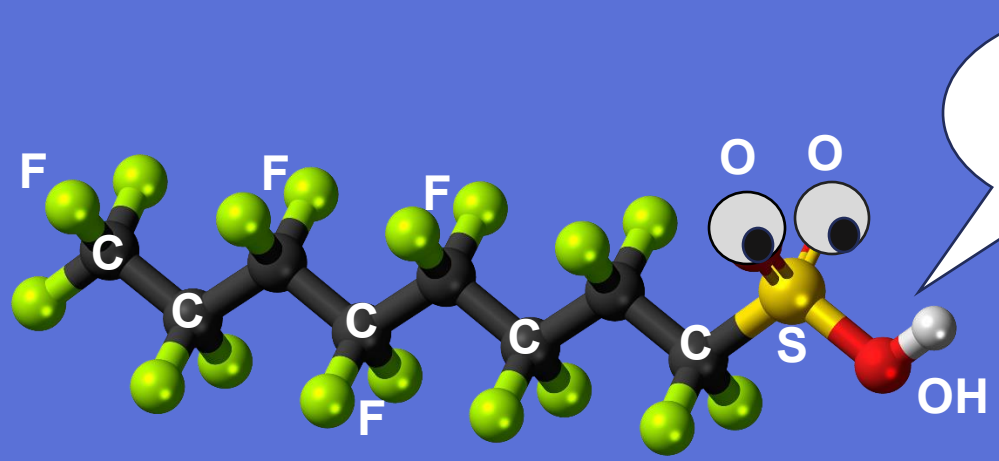
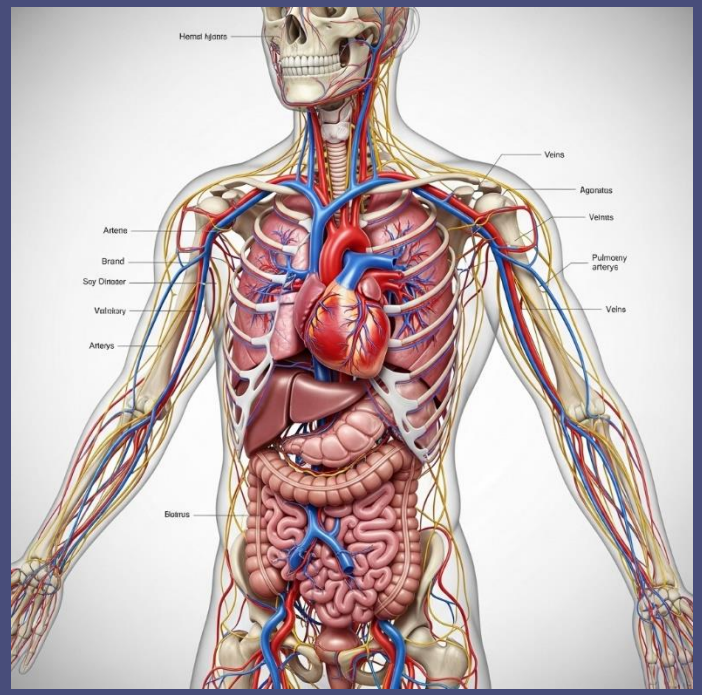
What Are PFAS?



Why Should We Care?

Human Health



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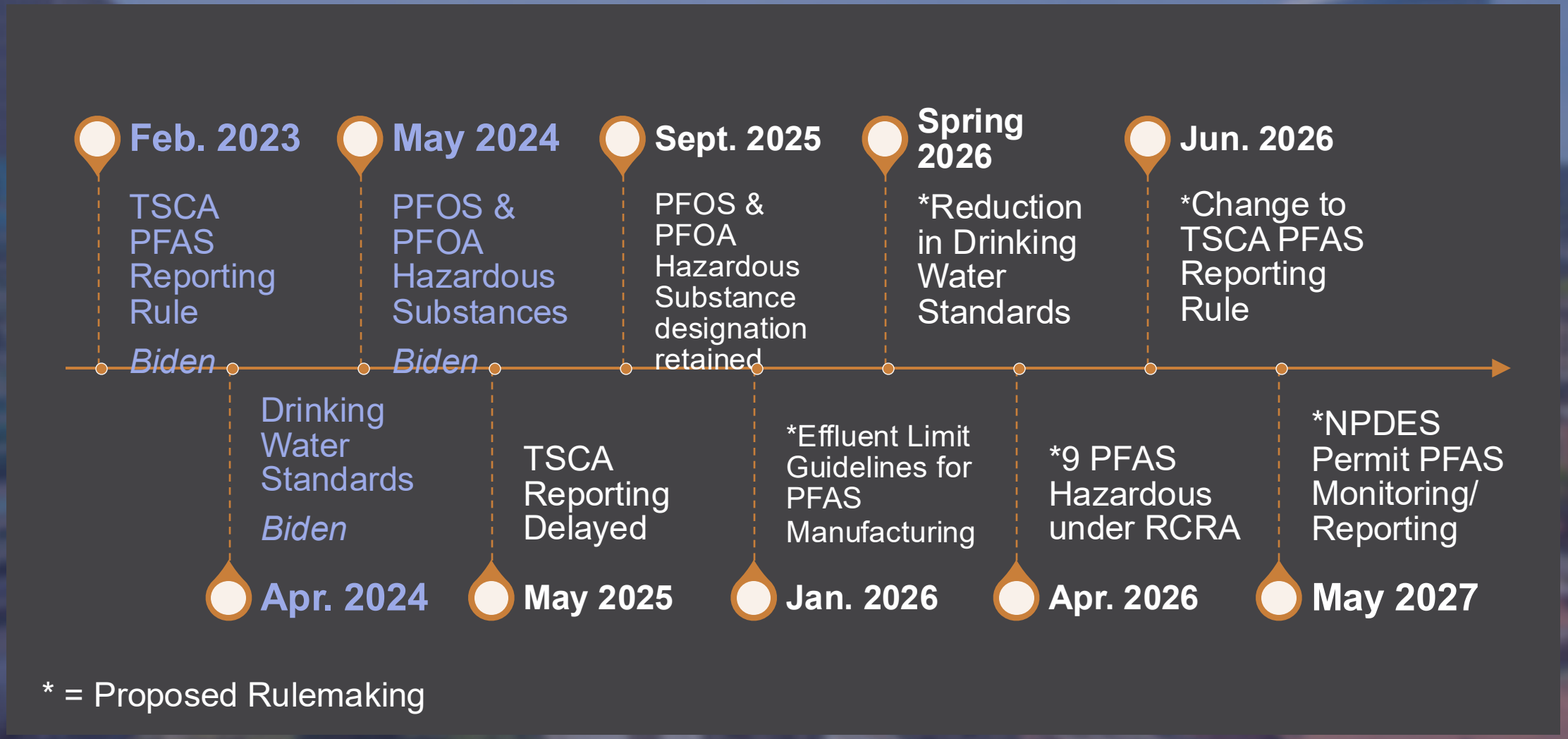


* = Proposed Rulemaking

Federal Legal Challenges to PFAS Rulemaking

PFOS / PFOA Hazardous Substance Designation

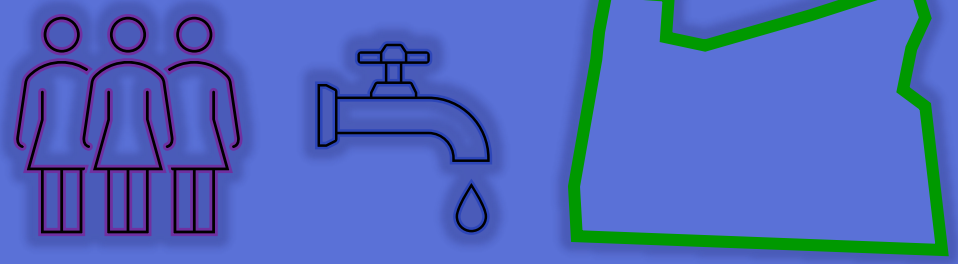
Chamber of Commerce of the United States v. EPA,
Case No. 24-1193 (D.C. Cir. 2024)

Drinking Water Standards

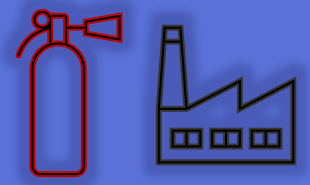
American Water Works Association, et al. v. EPA
Case No. 24-1188 (D.C. Cir. 2024)

PFAS Multi-District Litigation

Plaintiffs:



Defendants:



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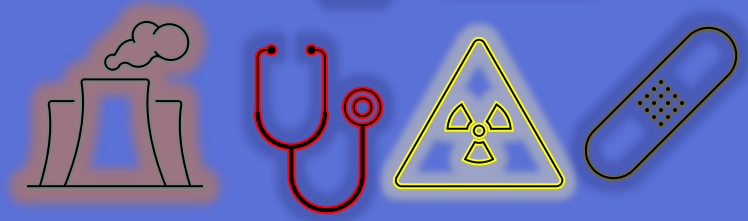

Settlements:

= $1 billion

WASHINGTON PFAS REGULATIONS

- Children's Safe Products Reporting Rule
- Food Packaging
- Toxics Free Cosmetics Act
- Toxics in Firefighting Law
- Safer Products Restrictions & Reporting

Washington Safer Products **Restrictions** *and Reporting*

Product	Restriction Date
Aftermarket stain- and water resistance treatments	January 1, 2025
Carpets and rugs	January 1, 2025
Leather and textile furniture intended for **indoor** use	January 1, 2026
Apparel and accessories	January 1, 2027
Automotive washes (car wash soap)	January 1, 2027
Cleaning products	January 1, 2027

Washington Safer Products Restrictions and **Reporting**

Product	Reporting Date
Leather and textile furniture for **outdoor** use	January 31, 2025
Apparel intended for extreme and extended use	January 1, 2027
Automotive waxes	January 1, 2027
Cookware and kitchen supplies	January 1, 2027
Firefighting PPE	January 1, 2027
Floor waxes and polishes	January 1, 2027
Footwear	January 1, 2027
Recreational/travel gear	January 1, 2027
Hard surface sealers	January 1, 2027
Ski waxes	January 1, 2027

Who Pays The Price?

The Growing Costs of PFAS Pollution

It costs manufacturers relatively little to add PFAS to their products, but the public pays millions—even billions—to clean up contamination from those products.

Mission impossible? It would cost up to

$18 Million

to remove 1 pound of PFAS from wastewater.

It will cost nearly

$1 Billion

to clean up Washington State's PFAS-contaminated drinking water.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

PFAS-attributable disease costs an estimated

$5.52 Billion

each year to patients, insurance companies, and government healthcare in the United States.

Manufacturers pay

$50–$1,000

per pound of PFAS when adding it to their products.

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