Biomonitoring California Findings On Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs)

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Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs) - Definition

 Perfluoroalkyl substance: all of the hydrogen atoms attached to carbon atoms have been replaced by fluorine atoms

 Polyfluoroalkyl substance: all of the hydrogen atoms on at least one of the carbon atoms have been replaced by fluorine atoms

Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)

6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid (6:2 FTS)

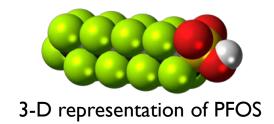
Entire class is on the designated and priority chemical lists for Biomonitoring California

Major Uses of PFASs

- Some manufacturing shifts, but thousands still produced worldwide
- Major uses include:
 - Stain-, water-, and grease-resistance treatments for textiles, leather, carpets, and food contact materials
 - Manufacture of fluoropolymers
 - Metal plating applications (e.g., fume suppressant)
 - Firefighting foams

What are the Concerns?

- Persistent in the environment some bioaccumulate
- Widespread human exposure



- Some PFASs may:
 - Affect the developing fetus and child, including possible changes in growth, learning, and behavior
 - Harm the liver
 - Weaken the immune system
 - Increase the risk of thyroid disease and cancer

Biomonitoring California Studies with PFASs

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Study</u>	12 PFASs	~30 PFASs
FOX	Firefighters Occupational Exposures Project	X	
MIEEP	Maternal and Infant Environmental Exposure Project	X	
PBEST	Pilot Biomonitoring Exposures Study	X	
MAMAS	Measuring Analytes in Maternal Archived Samples (3 Rounds)	X (round 1)	X (later rounds)
EBEST	Expanded Biomonitoring Exposures Study	X	
ACE 1	Asian/Pacific Islander Community Exposures Project 1		X
ACE 2	Asian/Pacific Islander Community Exposures Project 2		X
CARE	California Regional Exposure Studies (8 Regions)	X	*

Biomonitoring California Studies - Selected Details

Acronym	Year	Population	Location
FOX	2010-11	Firefighters, mostly men	Southern CA
MIEEP	2010-11	Pregnant women, mostly Latina, foreign-born	SF Bay Area
PBEST	2011-12	Kaiser Members	Central Valley
MAMAS-I	2012	Pregnant Women; Biobank Samples	Orange and San Diego Counties
EBEST	2013	Kaiser Members; Oversample of Asians and Hispanics	Central Valley
ACE I	2016	Chinese-American	San Francisco
ACE 2	2017	Vietnamese-American	San Jose
CARE LA	2018	Adults	Los Angeles County

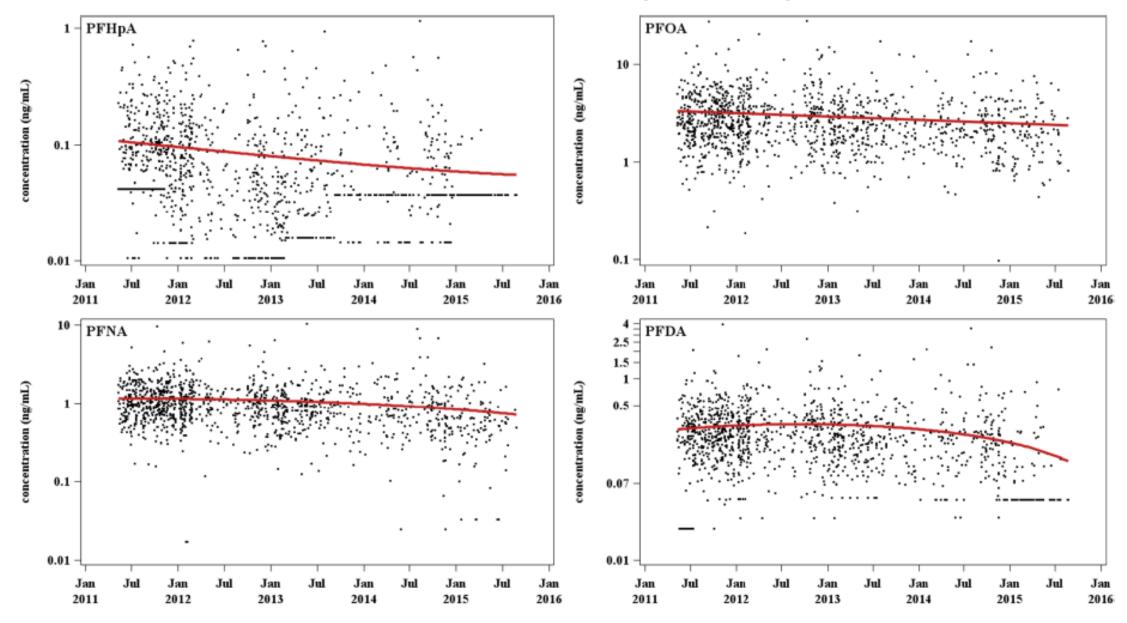
Highest PFAS Detection Frequencies - Biomonitoring California

- PFOS
- PFHxS
- PFNA
- MeFOSAA
- PFOA
- PFUA

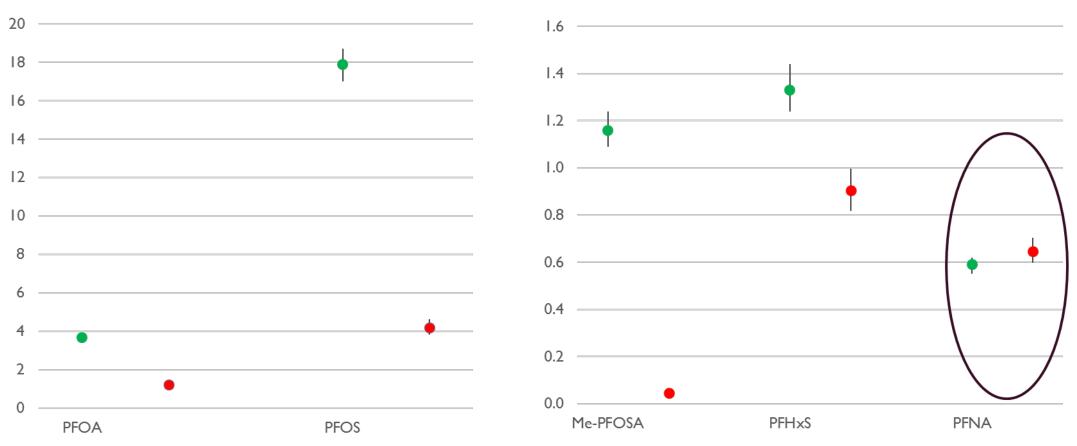
Lowest Detection Frequencies

- PFBS
- PFDoA
- PFOSA
- EtFOSAA

Time Trends in California Teachers Study – Hurley et al., 2018



Comparison of PFASs in Banked Genetic Screening Samples from 2000-2003* and 2012



• Banked Genetic Screening Samples (2000-2003) • Biobank Samples MAMAS (2012)

Where do we go from here?

- Analysis of MAMAS data for temporal trends in pregnant women in CA
 - MAMAS-II (2015) PFASs data being finalized
 - Planned measurement of PFASs in MAMAS-III (2016)
- New PFASs data from CARE Study
 - PFASs measured in 8 regions over 8 years
 - Questionnaire data available

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