

International Online – Conference

PFAS – Dealing with contaminants of emerging concern

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Opening and Welcome

Jochen Flasbarth

State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (DE)
and **Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner**

President, German Environment Agency, (DE)

KEY note: Reducing harm from PFAS for a healthier environment

Dr. Arlene Blum

Green Science Policy Institute (US)

Block I – Status quo and regulations

Moderation: **Dr. Thomas Straßburger, BMU, Dr. Christoph Schulte, UBA**

13:45 EU - PFAS Action Plan

Cristina de Avila

DG Environment (EU-COM)

14:10 Risk to human health related to the presence of PFAS in food

Prof. Dr. Tanja Schwerdtle

Vice President BfR (DE), Chair of working group "PFAS in food", EFSA

14:35 Joint development of a broad PFAS restriction proposal under REACH

Nannett Aust

UBA (DE)

15:00 – 15:30 **Break**



Block II – PFAS in soil and groundwater:

National approaches

Moderation: **Dr. Thomas Straßburger, BMU, Dr. Christoph Schulte, UBA**

15:30 PFAS in Flanders: Setting standards for remediation and excavated soils
Griet van Gestel, Johan Ceenaeme
OVAM (BE)

15:55 PFAS-contaminated soils due to fire-fighting exercises
Karen Marie Haug, Vanja Alling
Norwegian Environment Agency (NO)

16:20 PFAS environmental behaviour, background levels and risk assessment
Arjen Wintersen, RIVM (NL)

16:45-17:00 **Break**

17:00 The PFAS contamination to aquifers of central Veneto Region
Dr. Paolo Ronco
Centro RIVE – Centre for Water Resources of Veneto (IT)

17:25 Managing large-scale PFAS pollution on agricultural areas in Baden
Katja Stolzenberg-Hepp, Dr. Gabriel Striegel
Regional Council Karlsruhe (DE)

17:50 Discussion, Wrap up
Dr. Christoph Schulte, UBA (DE)

18:30-19:30 **Chat Rooms for dialogue and reflections**

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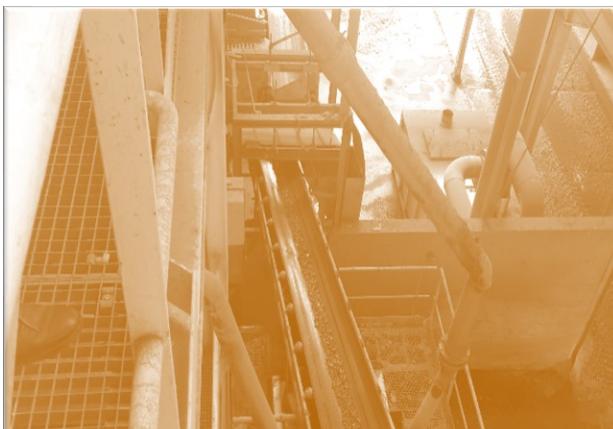
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Costs Participation is free of charge

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Tuesday 1 st December 2020	
Block III – Problem management and remediation solutions Moderation: Dr. Annegret Biegel-Engler, Joerg Frauenstein, UBA (DE)	
09:00	The Australian Government response to PFAS contamination Nicola Powell , Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (AU)
09:30	Sustainable management and remediation options for PFAS-contaminated soils and groundwater Dr. Thomas Held , Arcadis (DE)
10:00	Innovative remediation technologies Prof. Ravi Naidu , University of Newcastle, CRC Care (AU)
10:30	Suitability, challenges, progress and limitations of remediation measures Questions and answers
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30	Current PFAS findings and related consequences - On a test bench with policy Moderated podium discussion Host – Joerg Frauenstein, BMU, DG ENV, Common Forum, NICOLE, SedNet

12:30-13:00	Break
	The way forward: PFAS as blue print for emerging pollutants?
13:00	Moderated podium discussion Host – Dr. Arlene Blum, DG ENV – Chemicals, EmConSoil, BMU
13:45	Stay Connected - Conference Closure
14:00-15:00	Chat Rooms for dialogue and reflections

Chat room talks? Keep on going to our chat rooms for probing questions or to get specific answers and recommendations and further take-home messages!



Subsequent to the daily program we offer thematic **Chat Rooms**.

Please stay communicative!