

International Online – Conference

PFAS – Dealing with contaminants of emerging concern

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Monday 30th November 2020

13:00 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)

13:15 **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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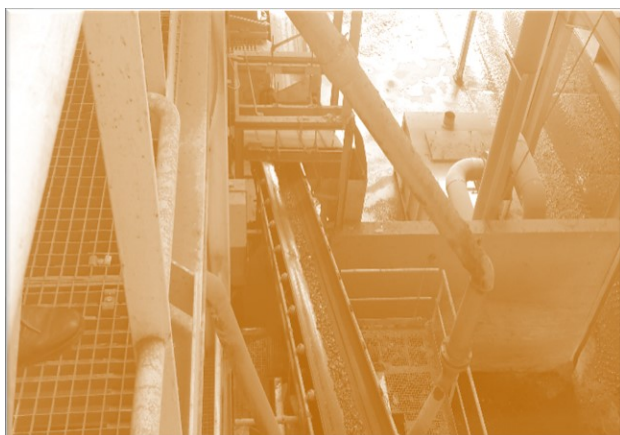
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Tuesday 1st December 2020

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!



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

Please stay communicative!