

## International Online – Conference

# PFAS – Dealing with contaminants of emerging concern

30<sup>th</sup> Nov–1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020



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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Organisation

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### Registration:

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## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**