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# Staying Ahead of PFAS: What Air Agencies Need to Know

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# What is ECOS?

ECOS is the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders.



# PFAS



Large  
Family of  
Chemicals



In  
Everyday  
Products

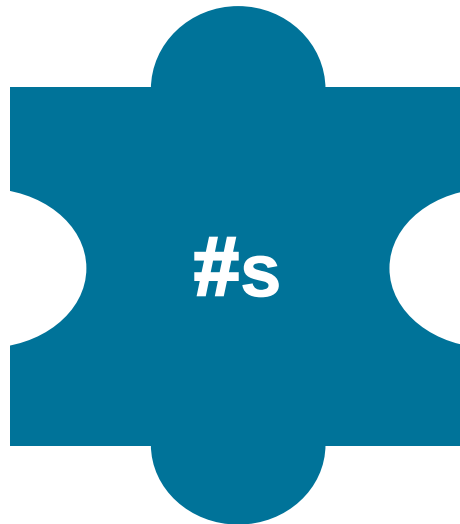
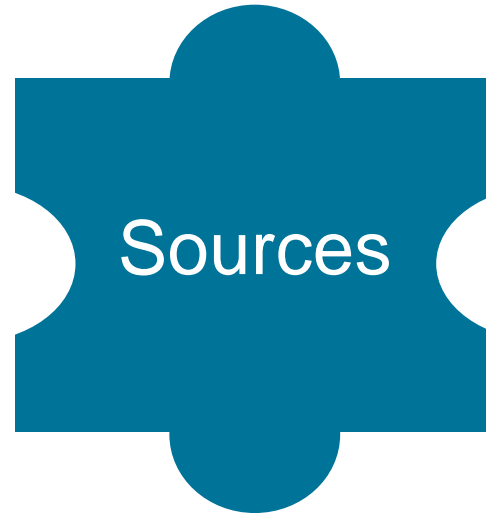


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Nationwide  
Problem

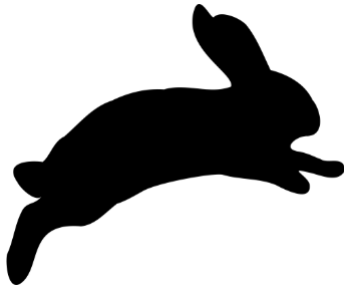
# Why is PFAS a problem?



# The scale of the problem

- ~400 affected military sites
- ~50,000 regulated community water systems
- Over half serve less than 500 people, and operate on budgets that average \$50k/yr
- EPA's approved sampling method costs \$350-400 per sample
- States are worried PFAS may be in solid wastes from sewage plants; air deposition

# What are states doing about PFAS?



- **Full Speed Ahead:** Federal MCL, State Standards, Search and Find

VS.



- **Don't Be Hasty:** Careful Approach, Conserve Resources, Not Looking/Haven't Found

# What is EPA doing about PFAS?

- PFAS Summit & community events
- Hazardous substance designation and cleanup levels
- PFAS Management Plan
- Toxicity values for GenX and PFBS
- Methodologies and hazard assessments
- Drinking water treatability database

# Other key players

- CDC/ATSDR
- DoD
- FDA
- NIEHS
- State Media Associations



# Where do we go from here?



**PFAS  
Coordinating  
Committee**



**ECOS  
PFAS Caucus**



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