

GREAT LAKES PFAS ACTION NETWORK

MICHIGAN PFAS POLICY AGENDA 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Our state's identity is defined by our Great Lakes waters. Clean drinking water, rivers and lakes are critical to sustaining healthy environments and healthy Michigan communities. But PFAS pollution has contaminated many of our favorite rivers, fishing spots, wildlife, and even drinking water. Michigan lawmakers have an opportunity to address the PFAS crisis by creating and reinstating strong environmental policies while repealing others that are failing to protect the waters we love.

The policy solutions presented are specific to Michigan and compliment our Great Lakes Region PFAS Policy Agenda. Community members impacted by PFAS pollution developed this policy agenda to ensure Michigan lawmakers prioritize the actions that will most benefit contaminated communities.

PROTECT AND SUPPORT PFAS-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Ensure communities have access to safe water, at no extra cost, between when PFAS are identified and a more permanent, safer, solution is put into place (switching community water supplies, providing bottled water, providing water filters, etc.).

Codify the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) and MPART's Citizen's Advisory Workgroup (CAWG).

Require insurance providers to cover the costs of blood testing for PFAS.


Create a financial safety net for farmers affected by PFAS in their water or soils, prioritizing small farms and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

States that have passed similar legislation:  

Establish a medical monitoring cause of action and/or remedy for impacted Michiganders.

PREVENT FUTURE PFAS CONTAMINATION

Prohibit the sale of all PFAS-containing products except when no safer alternative yet exists.

States that have passed similar legislation:  

Codify Governor Whitmer's Executive Directive 2021-8 ordering State agencies to limit the state's purchase of products that contain intentionally added PFAS.

Prohibit PFAS in food packaging and food contact materials.

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TEST AND MONITOR MORE TO UNDERSTAND OUR FULL EXPOSURE

Expand PFAS monitoring and testing in surface water bodies and groundwater. This is especially needed in rural residential areas not serviced by community water supplies, and in urban residential areas near industrial activity.

HOLD CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT PFAS POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR CLEANUP

Hold polluters financially responsible for cleaning up PFAS pollution and the harm it has caused communities.

Reform the statute of limitations for filing actions around PFAS and other contaminants to allow citizens a path to financial compensation when legacy pollution has impacted them or their property.

ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY BURDENS ON REGULATING PFAS

Increase funding for regulatory agencies (e.g. EGLE and MDHHS) to carry out PFAS prevention, testing, monitoring, and clean-up.

Repeal Michigan's 'no stricter than federal' law, which prohibits a state department from enacting rules more stringent than required by federal standards.

Repeal Michigan's Environmental Rules Review Committee a.k.a 'Polluter Panel,' which hinders EGLE decision-making.

Create a legislative PFAS Task Force (modeled after the Bipartisan Congressional PFAS Task Force).

FIND INNOVATE SOLUTIONS TO CLEAN UP EXISTING PFAS CONTAMINATION

Find PFAS disposal methods that will not unjustly burden communities already near disposal facilities. For example, ban incineration of PFAS waste.

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