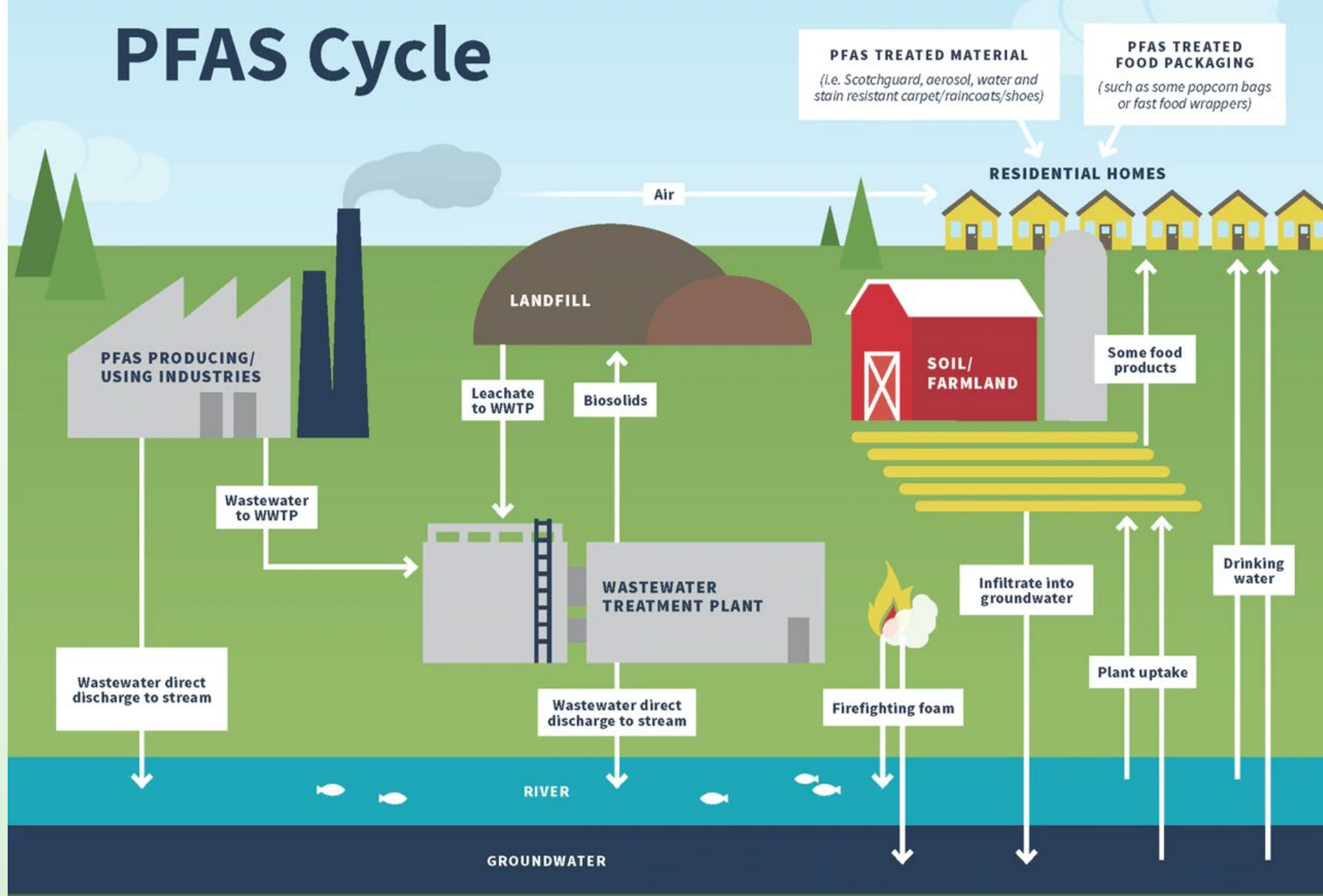


A close-up photograph of a person's hands cupping a small amount of dark soil with a tiny green seedling growing from it. The background is blurred, showing other people's hands and more soil, suggesting an outdoor gardening or community activity.

# State & Federal PFAS Policy

Melanie Benesh, Environmental Working Group

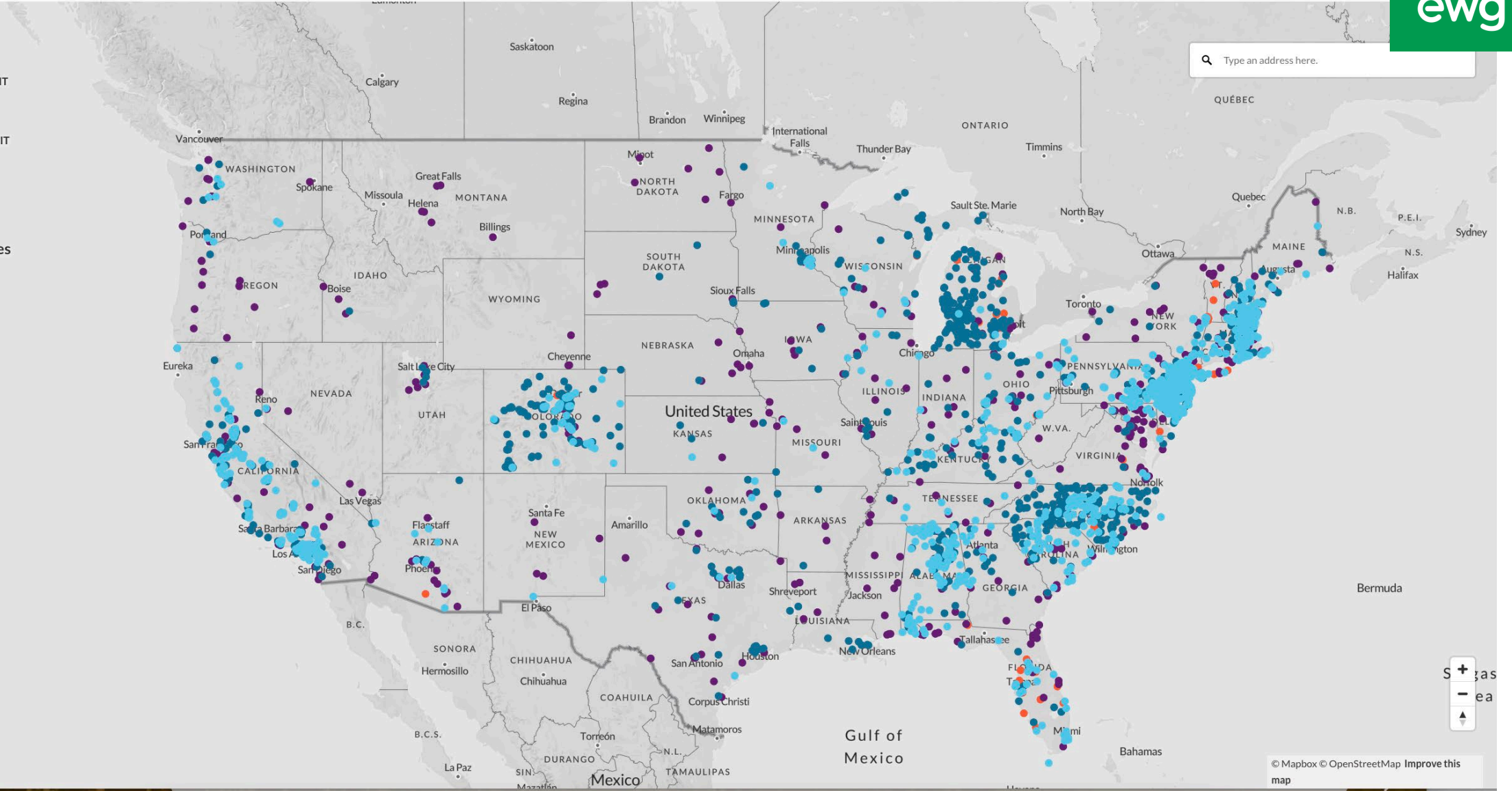
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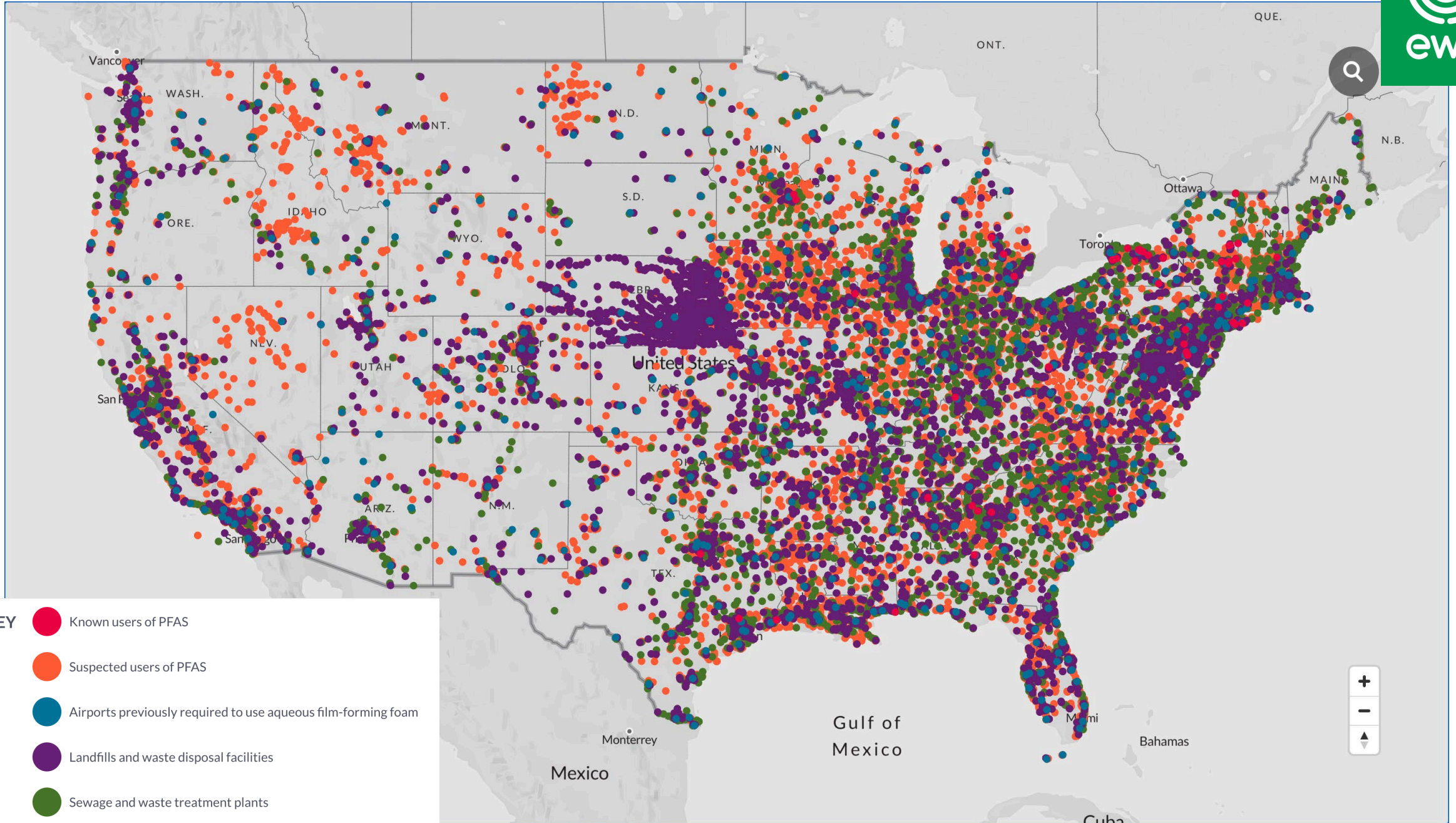


# PFAS Contamination in the U.S. (August 17, 2023)

- Drinking Water ABOVE PROPOSED LIMIT
- Drinking Water BELOW PROPOSED LIMIT
- Military Sites
- Other Known Sites



# Suspected industrial discharges of PFAS



- MAP KEY**
- Known users of PFAS
  - Suspected users of PFAS
  - Airports previously required to use aqueous film-forming foam
  - Landfills and waste disposal facilities
  - Sewage and waste treatment plants

# PFAS Strategic Roadmap: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021–2024



# Federal PFAS Report Card



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AUGUST 29, 2023

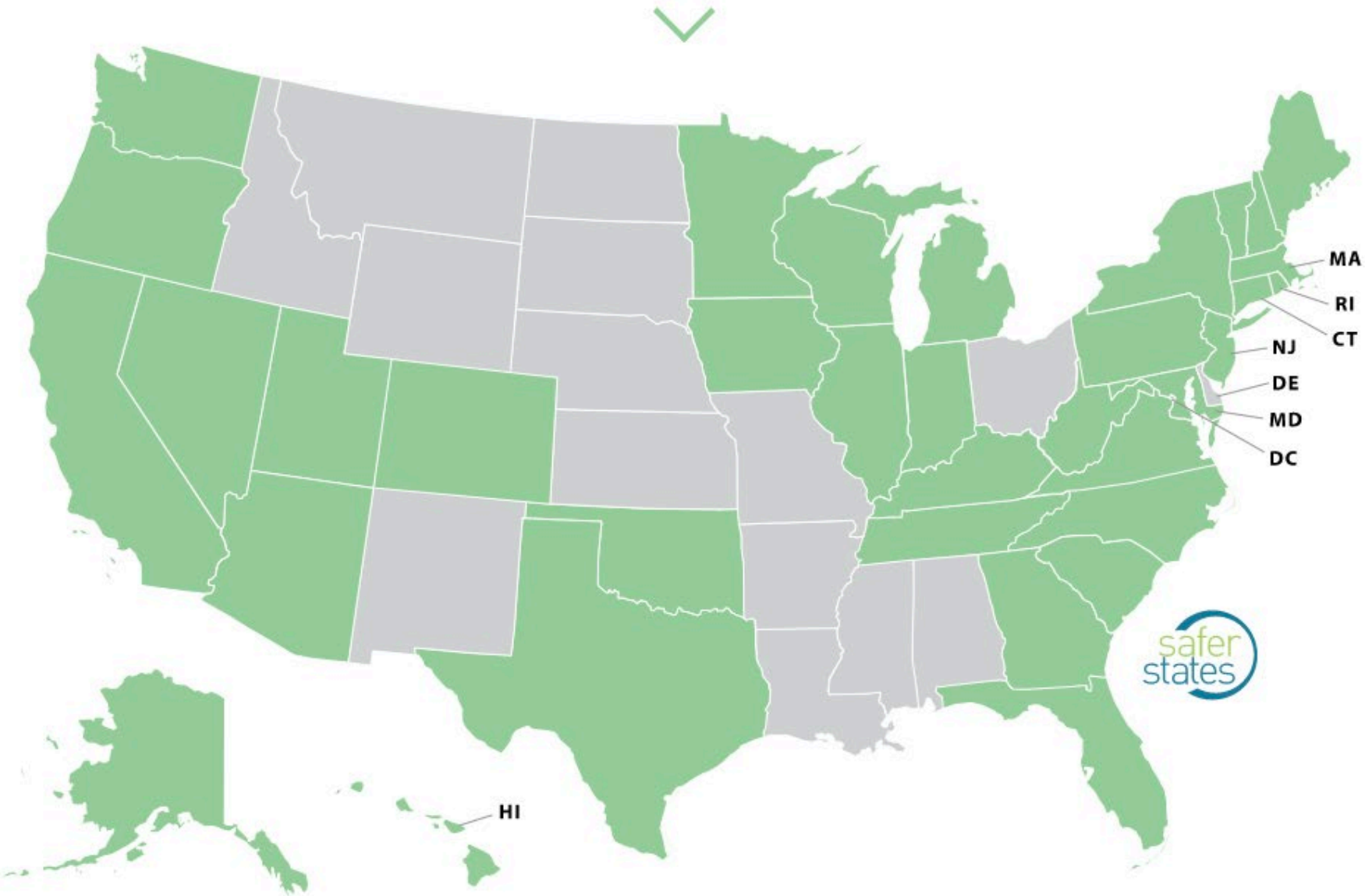
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EWG has reviewed actions the federal government is committed to taking, or for which it faces congressionally mandated deadlines, to tackle the “forever chemicals” known as PFAS.

To track progress on these actions, we created a federal PFAS action report card, dividing the actions into categories. Actions are labeled:

# PFAS

## 201 Current Policies in 35 States





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER



December 5, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Addressing PFAS Discharges in NPDES Permits and Through the Pretreatment Program and Monitoring Programs

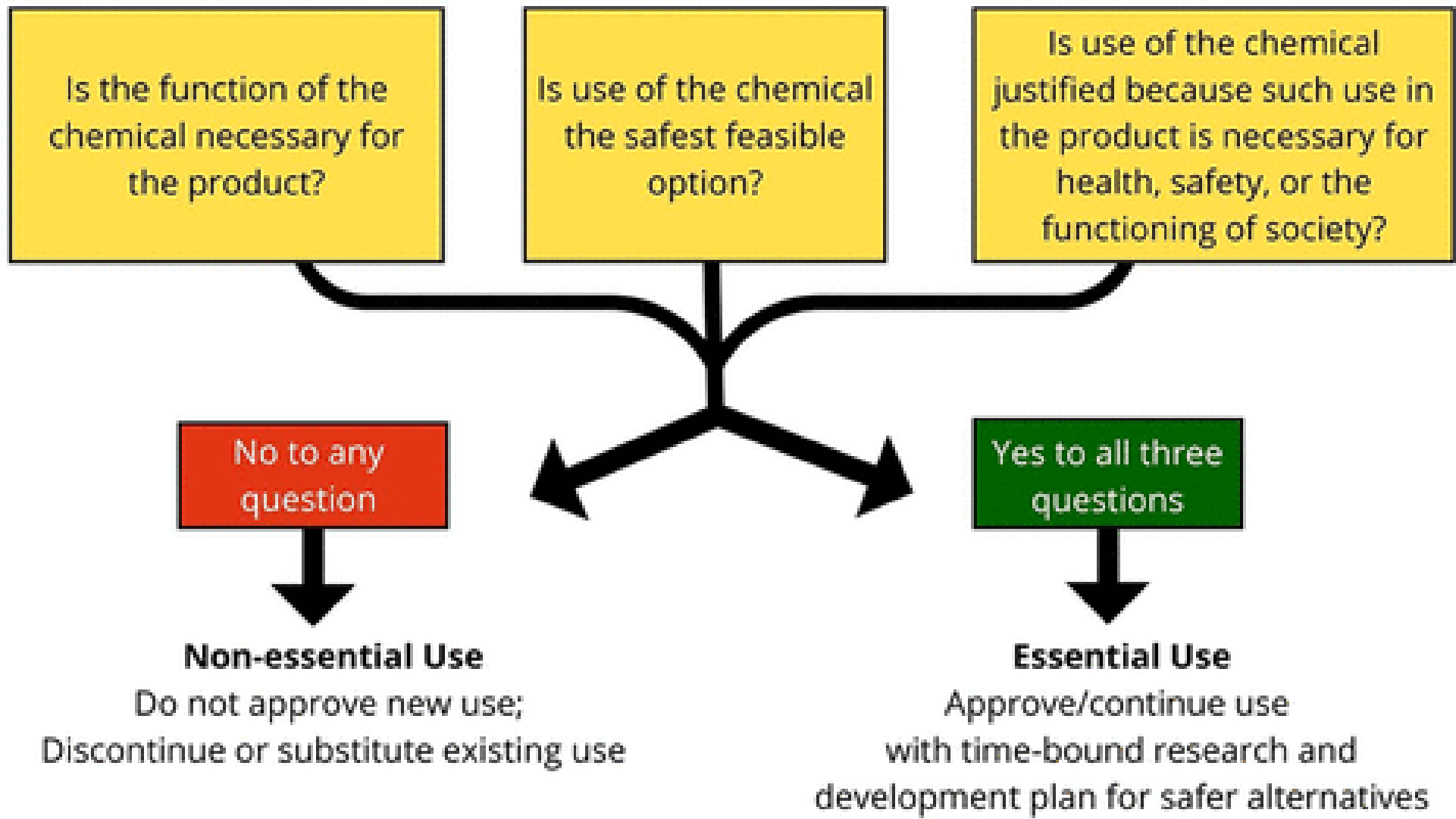
**FROM:** Radhika Fox  
Assistant Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Radhika Fox", written over a light blue horizontal line.

**TO:** EPA Regional Water Division Directors, Regions 1-10

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program is an important tool established by the Clean Water Act (CWA) to help address water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the United States. Collectively, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states issue thousands of permits annually, establishing important monitoring and pollution reduction requirements for Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs), industrial facilities, and stormwater discharges nationwide. The NPDES program interfaces with many pathways by which per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) travel and are released into the environment, and ultimately impact water quality and the health of people and ecosystems. Consistent with the Agency's commitments in the October 2021 [\*PFAS Strategic Roadmap: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021-2024\*](#) (*PFAS Strategic Roadmap*), EPA will work in cooperation with our state-authorized permitting authorities to leverage the NPDES program to restrict the discharge of PFAS at their sources. In addition to reducing PFAS discharges, this program will enable EPA and the states to obtain comprehensive information on the sources and quantities of PFAS discharges, which can be used to inform appropriate next steps to limit the discharges of PFAS.







DECEMBER 08, 2021

# Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability



▶ [BRIEFING ROOM](#)

▶ [PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS](#)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to reestablish the Federal Government as a leader in sustainability, it is hereby ordered as follows:

# State drinking water standards & cleanup

- Ten states currently have Maximum Contaminant Levels for some PFAS: MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, WI
- Federal proposed MCLs for: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, GenX
- Other PFAS included in some state MCLS
  - PFHpA (MA, VT, ME, RI)
  - PFDA (MA, ME, RI)
  - PFHxA (MI)
- States with hazardous substance designations: DE, ME, MA, VT, NY, NJ, WA, Ak, CO

# EWG: 'Forever chemicals' may taint nearly 20 million cropland acres



By **Jared Hayes** (EWG)

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APRIL 14, 2022

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