

CHE Conference Call:
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Vermont's PFOA
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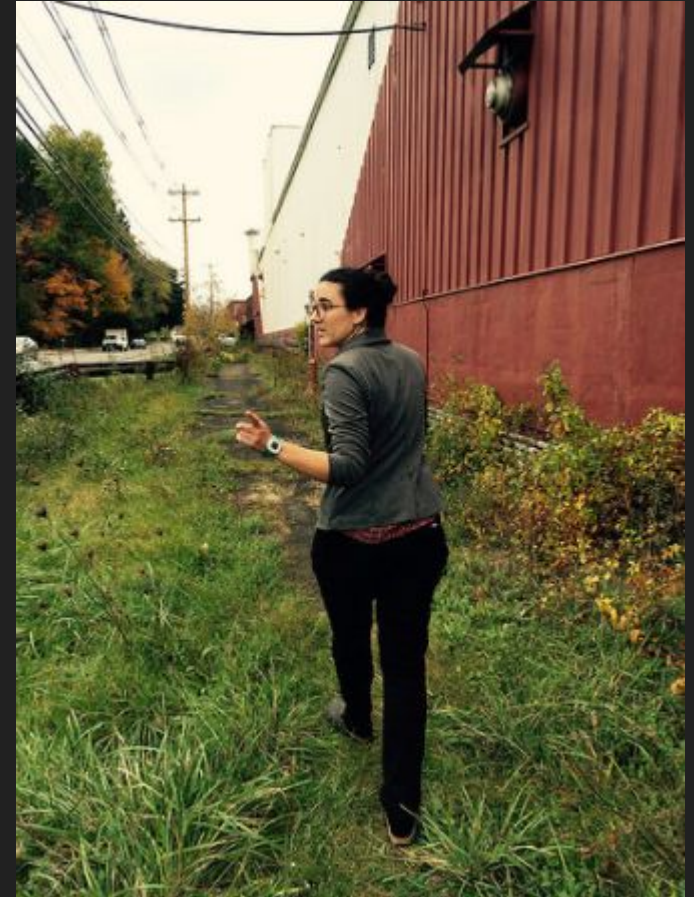


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Lessons Learned

Regulatory organizations:

- Respond to the contamination
- Be transparent with information
- Acknowledge the community's concern

Legislative bodies

- Help your community navigate the governmental landscape

Community groups

- Take care of your own
- Form a group
- Get your voices heard
- Set goals and make a plan
- Get good legal representation
- You don't have to be an expert to be effective
- Show up

Academics and professionals

- Get informed and active on your community's concerns
- Help community groups advocate for themselves
- Share knowledge
- Find ways to make high-literacy scientific or academic information accessible to a broader audience



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Highly Fluorinated Compounds – Social and Scientific Discovery Save the Date: June 14-15, 2017 Northeastern University, Boston

The Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute (SSEHRI, Northeastern University), Toxics Action Center, Silent Spring Institute, Testing for Pease, and others are excited to sponsor a two-day conference in Boston. This conference will bring together scientists, government agency professionals, community group leaders, national and regional environmental advocates, retail and industry representatives, journalists, and lawyers to examine the social, scientific, political, economic, and environmental health issues raised by historic and more recent discoveries of water contamination and body burden with high levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) around the world.

In addition to plenary speakers and panels, there will be time for interest groups to meet (e.g., community activists, waste professionals, journalists).

We hope to provide scholarships for community group leaders to attend.

A detailed program will be published online in early 2017.

To be notified when registration opens, email s.knutson@northeastern.edu