

Strengthening American Innovation & Competitiveness Requires an Effective Federal PFAS Management Policy

The Trump Administration and Congress have a pivotal opportunity to put America on a path to manage PFAS effectively and responsibly, while enabling and accelerating American innovation.

This moment demands strong federal leadership to establish a uniform, risk-based policy model for EPA and the states to follow, thereby preventing overly broad and inconsistent laws.

Critical steps to effective PFAS Management including characterizing, counting, and clarifying:



CHARACTERIZE

Risk-Based Categorization is a Critical First Step. Adopting risk-based categorization for commercially active PFAS compounds avoids repetitive scrutiny of substances that have already been evaluated and approved. This approach will allow federal and state regulators to focus assessment efforts on a finite set of active chemistries, in accordance with the EPA's definition.



COUNT

Streamline the Reporting and Regulatory Process While Facilitating Approval of Effective Alternatives. Simplification of the TSCA Section 8(a)(7) Reporting Rule would pave the way for a more practical and manageable reporting system for commercially active PFAS and PFAS-containing products.



CLARIFY

Focus On Commercially Active Compounds to Ensure Critical Applications are Protected. PFAS have critical applications to the 21st century economy. Permitting essential use considerations will prevent overly broad definitions from inadvertently limiting uses of PFAS compounds in industries including aerospace, semiconductors, building materials, and air conditioning technology where suitable alternatives do not exist. Providing clarity will ease the ability to pursue alternatives and also address remediation concerns. Through a meaningful "essential use" exemption for critical applications and a rapid approval process for alternatives modeled on the successful Significant New Alternatives Policy Program, the EPA can protect human health and the environment, keep our economy running, and keep America innovating.