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Subject: Final PFAS OPED was sent

Hi everyone, I've just sent the OPED out – I'll share the confirmation email once it gets into my inbox, but since we seem to be not receiving external emails, I don't know when exactly I can forward it. Emily and I will follow up with target outlets to make sure they receive it, and see if they will commit to running it this week.

Thanks,
Dave

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Subject: FINAL PFAS OP ED READY TO GO NOW!

Pls confirm this is going out and keep track of its coverage as well as proactively confirm w key papers whether they'll run it. Ideally should run in one paper per state – although I hope we can do better.

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EPA New England OPED Submission

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EPA Seeks Public Input for National Plan to Manage PFAS at First Community Engagement Event

New Englanders know that our part of the country is special. New England boasts vibrant communities, many with histories dating to before the American Revolution. Our environment is also unique and wonderful. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding its first-ever Community Engagement event on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Exeter, N.H.

PFAS is a group of man-made chemicals that have been widely used in everyday products around the globe since the 1940s. But PFAS compounds also can enter the environment, raising concerns about the potential environmental and health risks. PFAS have been detected in groundwater in some New England communities.

At the PFAS National Leadership Summit held in Washington D.C. last month, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced four concrete actions the Agency will take to tackle this issue:

1. EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a "maximum contaminant level" (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS, which are the two most common PFAS chemicals. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
2. EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as "hazardous substances" through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
3. EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
4. EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS (two PFAS-related chemicals) by this summer.

Now EPA is looking for more input while crafting a national management plan. This plan will provide information and solutions for addressing PFAS in our communities. Communities are a key voice in this process and this meeting in Exeter on June 25 and

26 will have a real impact because we will be listening to you—the public—and using your input to help inform our path forward on this issue. Using input from the National Summit, public docket and community engagements EPA plans to release the management plan by the end of the year.

We are listening to the public's concerns and bringing key stakeholders together to improve our understanding of these chemicals. EPA drinking water experts, research scientists, and regional officials will attend and speak at this event to ensure the public understands what we know and what we're doing.

Our continued work with states and communities will ensure that, from the federal to the local level, we can quickly respond to and address the concerns shared by New England citizens on PFAS. We invite everyone to attend the sessions in Exeter on June 25 and 26, and witness in person cooperative federalism in action.

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Note: A **Hi-Res photo of Alexandra Dunn** is available for download from EPA's Website at: https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-administrator-epas-new-england-region-region-1