

Managing PFAS in our Drinking Water

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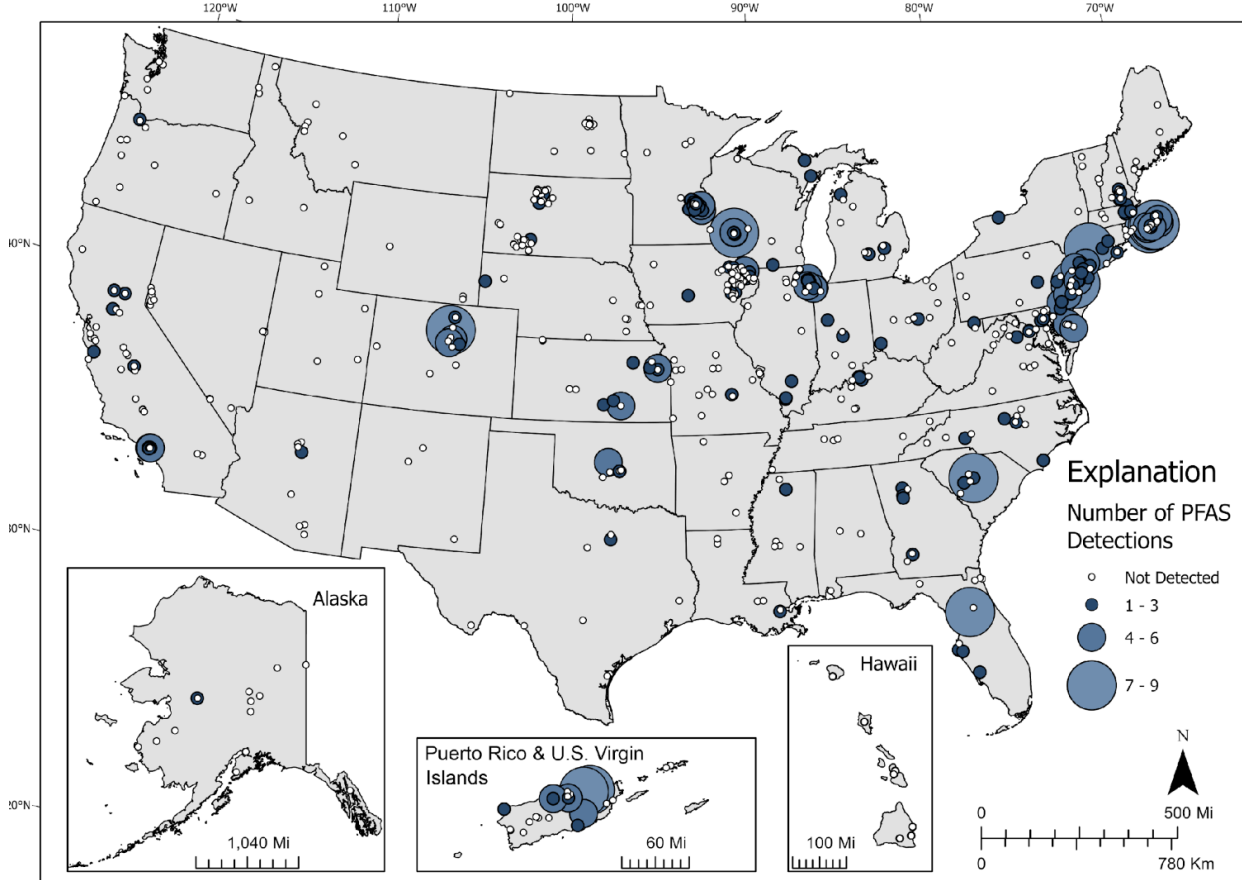
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Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Select U.S. Tapwater Locations

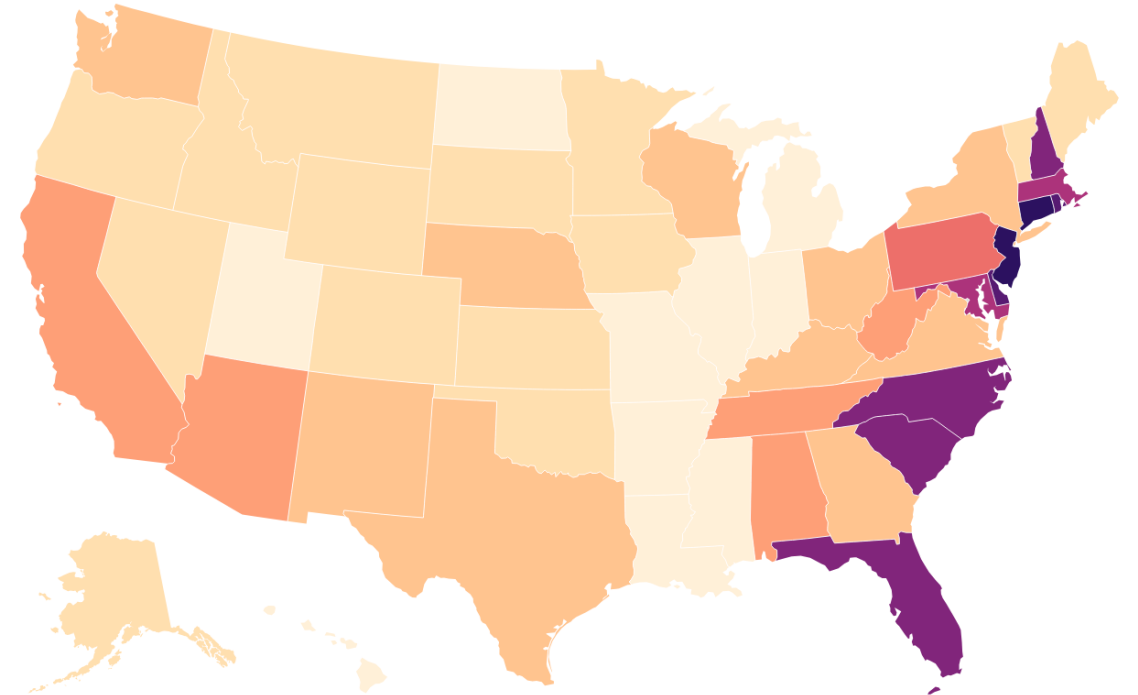
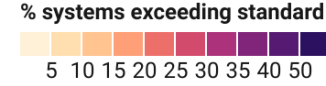


Map represents all sampling locations not the only locations where PFAS was observed.



Where high PFAS levels are most common

Early PFAS testing by the EPA found a high percentage of public water systems in several states had levels exceeding new federal standards for at least one type of PFAS. As of early 2024, the EPA's testing had covered 3,764 public drinking water systems out of 154,106.

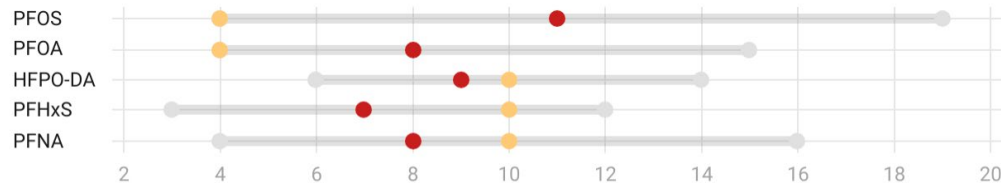
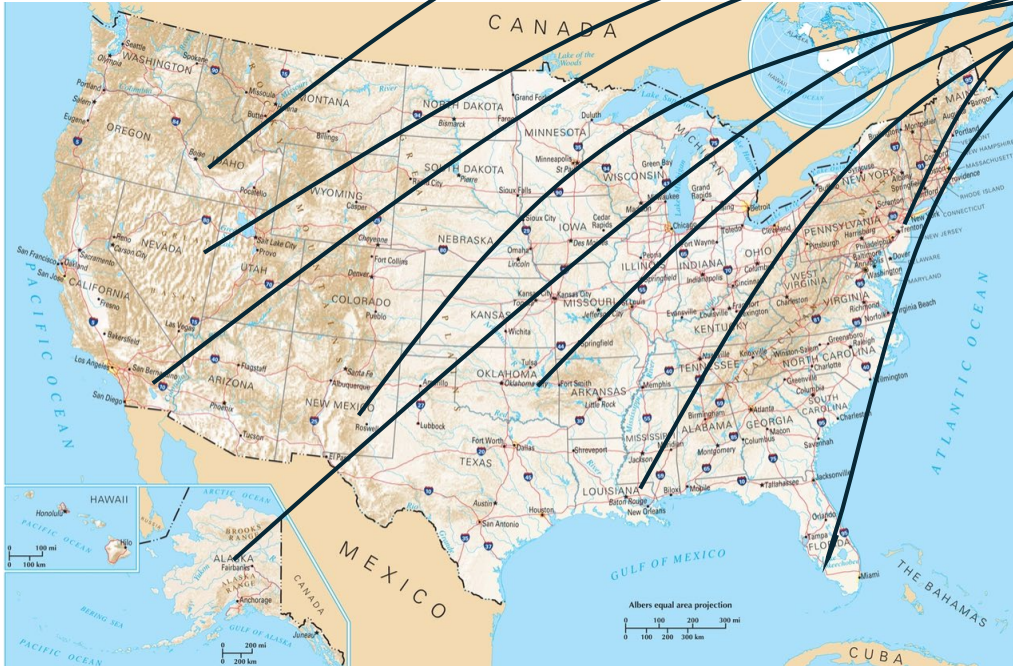


EPA data as of Jan. 2024. Roll over states for number of systems tested and percentage exceeding standard.

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At least 45% of the nation's drinking water contains PFAS

Cost Estimates from AWWA



EPA data as of Jan. 2024. Gray bars show the 10th to 90th percentile range of all results.

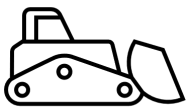
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More than 7,000 entry points will require

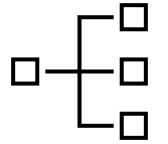
treatment



Requiring capital costs of \$27.1 to \$48.3 billion in the next five years



With annual costs from \$2.7 to \$3.5 billion



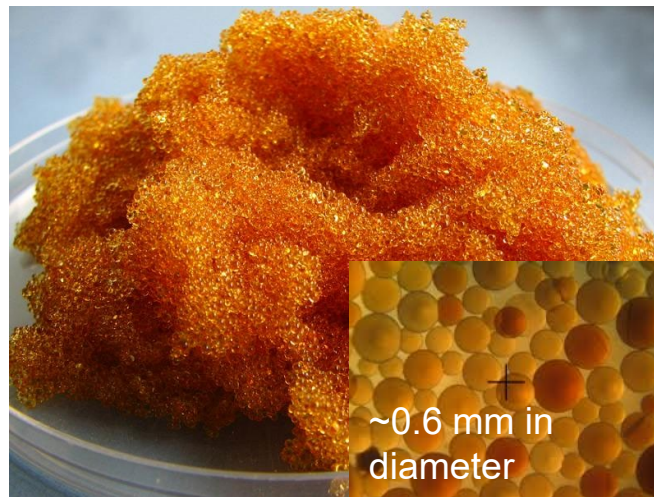
Paid for by who?



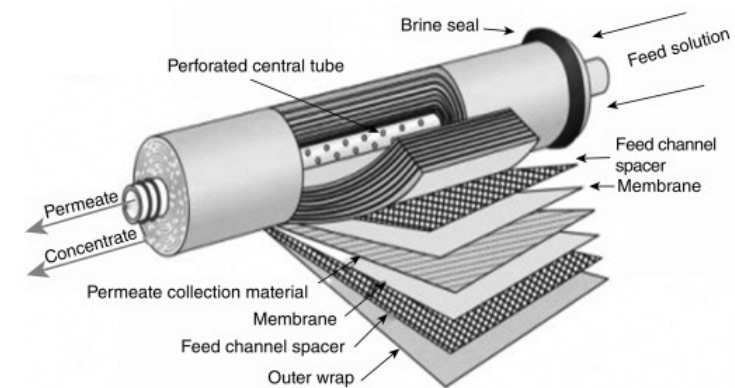
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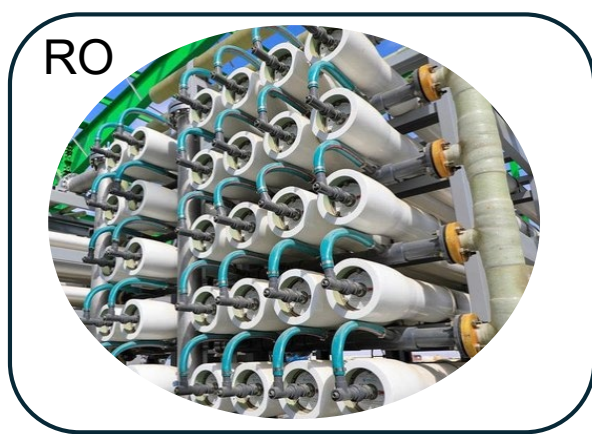
Ion-Exchange Resin



Reverse Osmosis

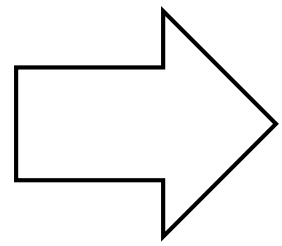


Waste Management – Where Does it Go?

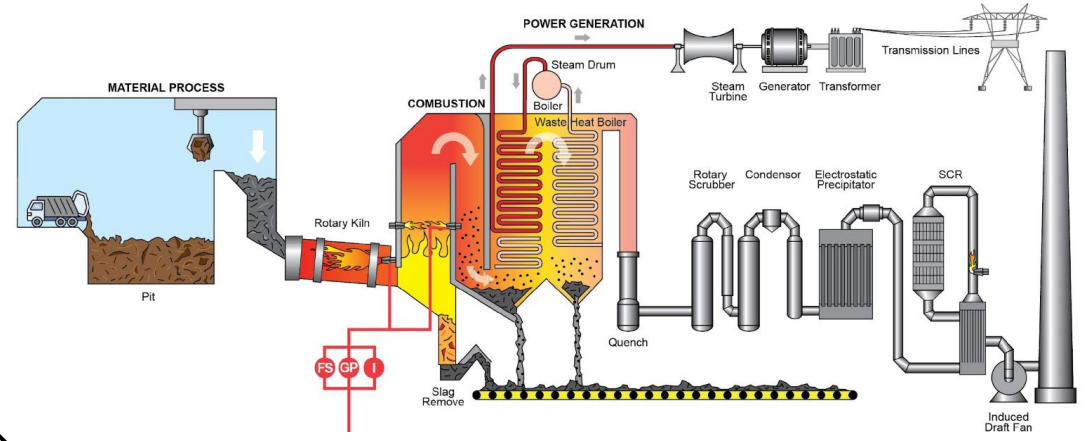


Spent media

Brine wastewater



Incineration



Landfill

