

Beyond Science and Decisions XIV: PFAS Limits: How Did We Get So Far Apart?

Public Health and Policy Implications

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Washington, DC 20057

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SUMMARY

- Widely divergent risk positions on various perfluorinated alkyl acid carboxylates and sulfonates (**PFAS**) are available internationally. For example, PFOA risk positions are over 100,000-fold apart.
- Representatives from several countries will present their rationale for how they set their safety limits for the PFOA. A panel of experts will engage these representatives about contrasting processes and strength of the data.
- The workshop will then hear from various stakeholders on legal perspectives and policy and economic implications of this enormous diversity in risk positions.

Since 2010, the Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA: see [here](#)) has sponsored a workshop series titled *Beyond Science & Decisions: From Problem Formulation to Comprehensive Risk Assessment*. Building on the ideas of the National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) *Science & Decisions: Advancing Risk Assessment* (2009), thirteen previous workshops brought together over 60 organizations seeking to advance the NAS recommendations that encourage stakeholder involvement at all stages of the risk assessment process (see [here](#)).

WORKSHOP XIV OBJECTIVES

- To use a multi-stakeholder approach to share information on differing **PFAS/PFOA** risk assessments that are supporting the development of widely different regulations.
- To promote discussion on **PFAS** chemistries, such as those that:
 - Reflect relevant biology and mode of action;
 - Describe assumptions, strengths, and limitations of relevant data;
 - Consider population and human variability, including underlying disease;
 - Harmonize the underlying basis for risk assessments.
- To discuss how rulemaking processes are impacted given the current diversity in scientific opinion and resulting risk assessments.

ORGANIZERS

- Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA), [Risk Assessment Advisory Committee](#)
- International Society for Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology ([ISRTP](#))

How to Attend. We are accepting registration beginning June 26, 2023. The workshop will be held over 2.5 days. Attendees will include regulators, corporate scientists, environmental lawyers, professors, and any stakeholder who has an interest in the PFAS chemicals.

The admission fee is \$300 (except for government and NGO employees without funding). All paying participants will receive membership to the Inter Soc of Reg Tox and Pharm (ISRTP) which includes an annual subscription to Regulatory Tox and Pharmacology (worth \$550 per year). Refreshments and lunches will also be provided.

WORKSHOP XIV REGISTRATION

Click [here](#) to register.

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