



Getting ‘forever chemicals’ out of drinking water

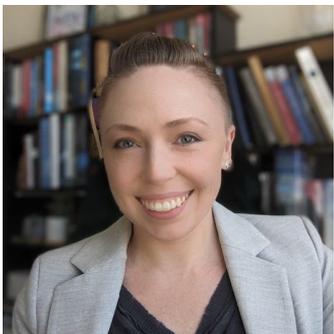
EWG’S GUIDE TO PFAS WATER FILTERS

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Areas of Focus:

Water

Pesticides

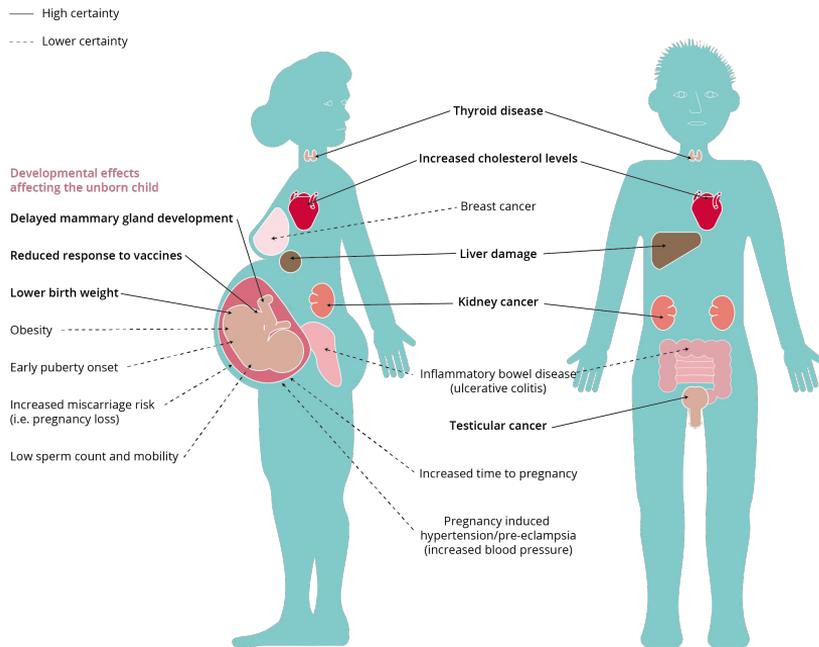
PFAS

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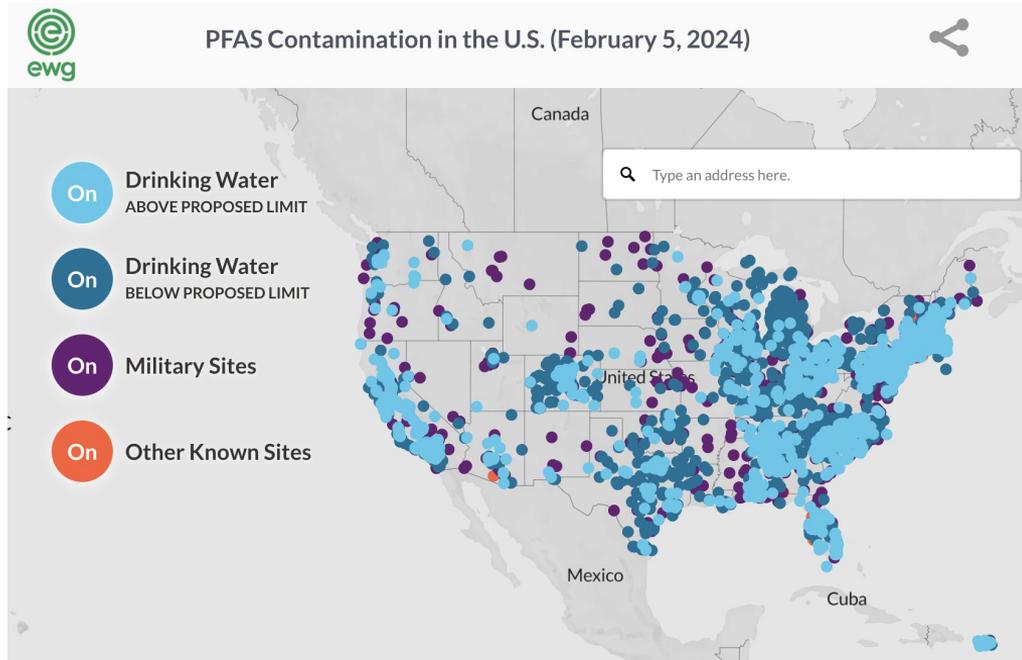
- Work to reform chemical safety and agriculture laws
- Push industries to adopt safer standards
- Educate consumers and inspire demand for safer products



Understanding PFAS and the health risks

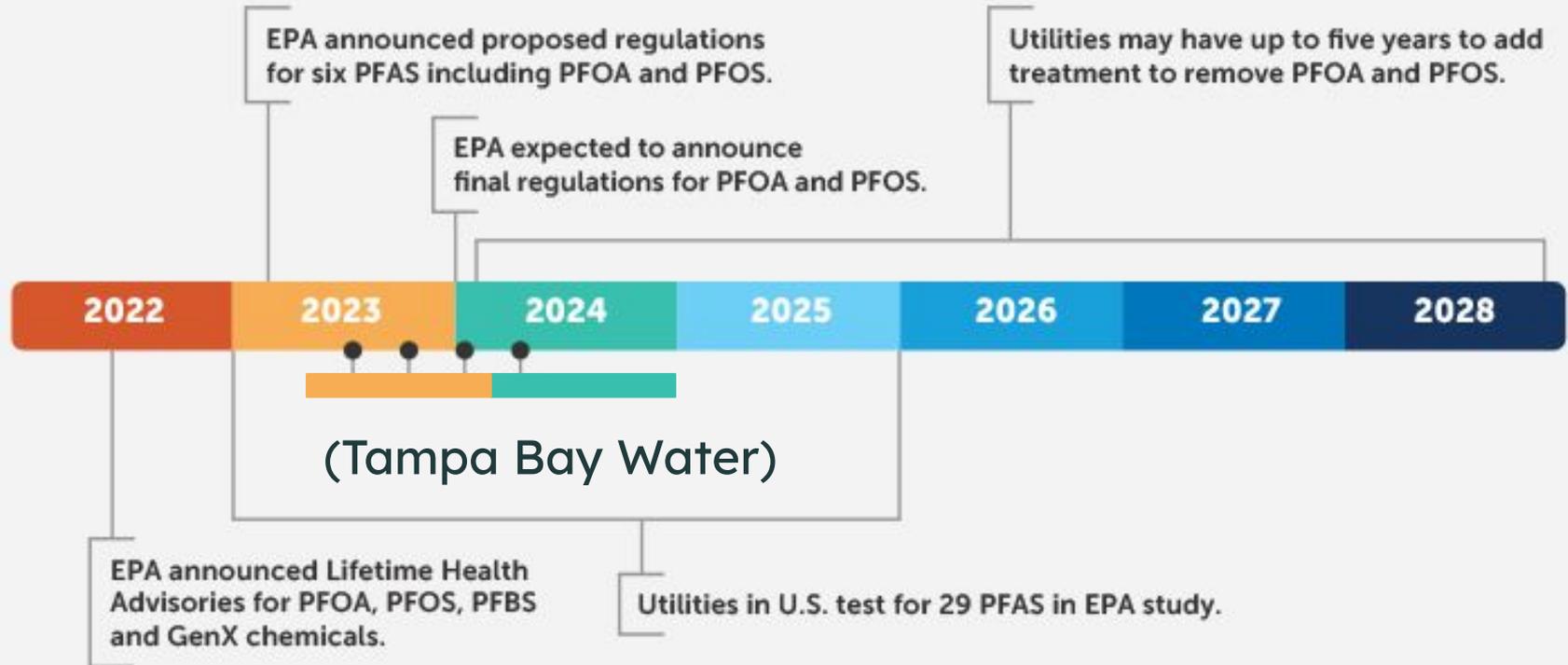


Source: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/signals-archived/signals-2020/infographics/effects-of-pfas-on-human-health/view>

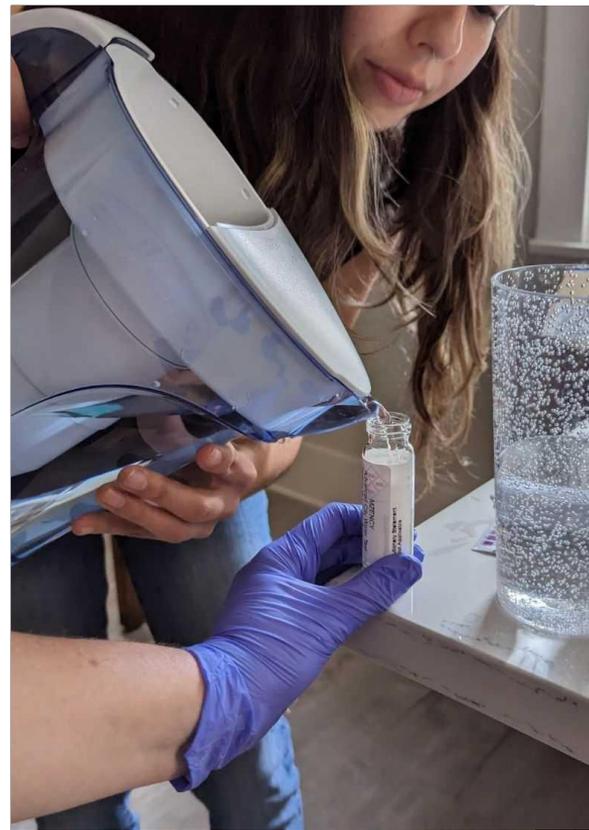


Source: https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/pfas_contamination/map/

Timeline for EPA Drinking Water Regulations for PFAS



Methodology



Unfiltered tap concentration	Filter	Filtered concentration
49.0 ppt	Brita	16.6 ppt (-66%)
	Clearly Filtered	ND (-100%)
	Epic Water	1.2 ppt (-98%)
	Seychelle pH2O	25.7 ppt (-48%)
	Zero Water	ND (-100%)
44.1 ppt	AmazonBasics	20.2 ppt (-54%)
	Aquagear	15.5 ppt (-65%)
	Berkey	ND (-100%)
	Brita Elite	34.4 ppt (-22%)
	PUR	9.3 ppt (-79%)

Berkey

KEY STATS: PFAS REDUCTION: 100% | INITIAL COST: \$344.00

OVERALL VALUE: FILTER LIFE: 8+ YEARS (6,000 GALLONS) | ONE-YEAR COST: **\$344.00**

Clearly Filtered

KEY STATS: PFAS REDUCTION: 100% | INITIAL COST: \$90.00

OVERALL VALUE: FILTER LIFE: ~50 DAYS (100 GALLONS) | ONE-YEAR COST: **\$436.50** (INITIAL COST + 7 FILTERS PER YEAR)

Epic Water

KEY STATS: PFAS REDUCTION: 98% | INITIAL COST: \$70.00

OVERALL VALUE: FILTER LIFE: ~75 DAYS (150 GALLONS) | ONE-YEAR COST: **\$247.87** (INITIAL COST + 5 FILTERS)

Zero Water

KEY STATS: PFAS REDUCTION: 100%. | INITIAL COST: \$24.99

OVERALL VALUE: FILTER LIFE: ~10 DAYS (20 GALLONS). | ONE-YEAR COST: **\$646.06** (INITIAL COST + 37 FILTERS/YEAR)

Berkey

“Pros: **Non-plastic design...** exceptionally long filter life...”

“Cons: Very high initial cost”

Clearly Filtered

“Pros: ...clear design... refilling is less frequent.”

“Cons: **...tricky to install the filter correctly...** water passes slowly through the filter... not accessible...”

Epic Water

“... tester’s overall favorite to use... **replacing filters is straightforward...**”

“Cons: ...has a higher initial cost than some other varieties...”

Zero Water

“Pros: ... low initial cost; replacing filters is simple and quick.”

“Cons: The tradeoff for the low upfront cost is that the filters have a short life and must be replaced often **...need to frequently refill the pitcher.**”

Further Questions

- Filter longevity
- Other contaminants and combined benefits
- Single sample representation
- Impact of regional/water quality variability
- The overall market of filters
- Other types of filters - reverse osmosis, etc.
- Environmental sustainability and use of plastics





RESEARCH

Federal PFAS Report Card

By John E. Reeder (EWG)

California moves closer to banning toxic 'forever chemicals' in cleaners

State-led momentum: FDA follows suit in getting PFAS out of food contact papers

EPA proposes bold new limits for tackling 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

Environmental Protection Agency

65%

All actions due and completed



Department of Defense

86%

All actions due and completed



Department of Energy

72%

All actions due and completed





Thank you

Know what's in the water you are drinking.

<https://www.ewg.org/research/getting-forever-chemicals-out-drinking-water-ewgs-guide-pfas-water-filters>

https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/pfas_contamination/map/

<https://www.ewg.org/peer-reviewed-studies-published-by-ewg-scientists>