

2021-2022 Pollution Prevention Project

YOUR BUSINESS CAN HELP IMPROVE VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites you to participate in an innovative project to work with scientific experts and other businesses in the metal finishing and aerospace industries to learn how to identify and reduce per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in your operations. We're limiting the number of businesses who can participate and have identified yours as an ideal candidate to join this cohort.

For this project, DEC will collaborate with select businesses in Vermont to reduce or eliminate PFAS entering wastewater streams and the environment. DEC has obtained a federal grant to help businesses identify opportunities to reduce PFAS use by transitioning to products that are PFAS-free or contain less toxic PFAS compounds, and/or by changing operations or practices to minimize PFAS within wastewater. This project will occur from Spring 2021 through Spring 2022.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

By joining, you will get full access to state scientists and technical assistance experts who will help you reduce PFAS in your operations and wastewater. As part of this voluntary program, we will work with your business to:

- **Identify the types of PFAS chemicals** currently used in your company's operations.
- **Determine how PFAS enters process wastewater** through technical assistance and sampling.
- **Develop strategies to transition away from PFAS chemicals.** DEC scientists and technical assistance experts will help you reduce PFAS used in operations and find safer chemical alternatives or practices.

BUSINESS BENEFITS

- **Free training.** Learn about the environmental, health and safety concerns associated with PFAS and receive guidance on current PFAS regulations in Vermont and the US. Attend technical trainings to identify methods to reduce PFAS in operations and switch to non-PFAS or less toxic alternatives.
- **Free technical assistance.** Work with DEC scientists and technical assistance experts to remove PFAS from your wastewater discharge.
- **Build your brand.** By reducing PFAS in your operations, you will improve your business' commitment to socially and environmental responsible practices.
- **Join an innovative team.** Not only will you get direct access to DEC scientists and contractors, you'll also be a part of a larger group of aerospace and metal plating industries who will share project findings and realistic solutions to reduce PFAS in the industrial sector.

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