

HR 1976

PFAS Detection Act of 2019

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Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		May 7, 2019
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 23, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 18, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2500	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 S 1507	Related bill	Jun 19, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 119.
116 S 950	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Mar 28, 2019)

PFAS Detection Act of 2019

This bill sets forth requirements for detecting and sampling perfluorinated compounds. Perfluorinated compounds are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain perfluorinated compounds, such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, food packaging, and fire-fighting foams.

The bill requires the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a performance standard for the detection of perfluorinated compounds.

Using such standard, the USGS must carry out a nationwide sampling to determine the concentration of perfluorinated compounds in estuaries, lakes, streams, springs, wells, wetlands, rivers, aquifers, and soil.

The sampling data must then be used to inform and enhance assessments of exposure, likely health and environmental impacts, and remediation priorities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.