PFAS Identification Surveys for Industry

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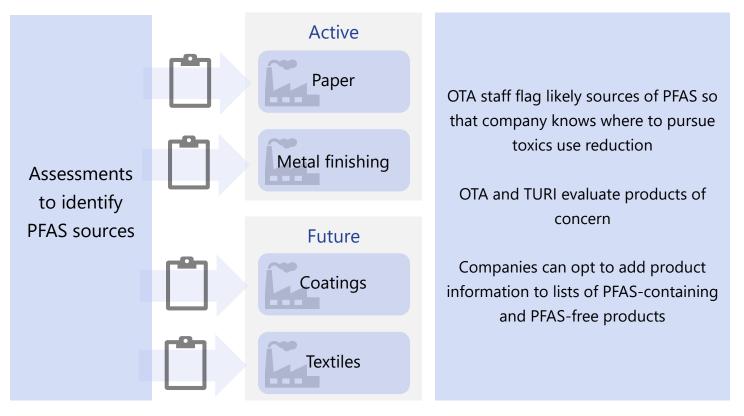


Whether because of environmental regulations, consumer demand, or their own environmental goals, more and more companies are seeking to reduce or eliminate PFAS in their operations. But sources of PFAS are not always obvious, and companies are not always sure where to look.

OTA is developing surveys about different products and raw materials that often contain PFAS, as well as processes where products containing PFAS are commonly used. Our goal is to help companies identify PFAS sources in their own operations so that they will be better equipped to reduce or eliminate it. Participating companies will go through the survey with a member of OTA's technical staff, who will flag likely sources of PFAS so that companies can target their toxics use reduction efforts. **Like all of OTA's work, these surveys are completely confidential**.

Companies who participate in these surveys can choose to allow OTA to add the names of products they tell us about to lists of PFAS-containing and PFAS-free products. These product lists will be made public once they're created, for the greater good of helping those who are trying to avoid PFAS in their facilities, and to highlight applications where safer alternatives are still needed. (Companies can still choose to participate in these surveys even if they don't wish to contribute to these lists.)

So far, OTA has piloted PFAS identification surveys for the metal finishing and paper industries, and plans to develop surveys for manufacturers of coatings and textiles.



If you would like to participate in these surveys or have questions about PFAS use in your facility, please contact OTA Director Tiffany Skogstrom (<u>tiffany.skogstrom@mass.gov</u>).