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Commonwealth of Virginia

Senate Majority Leader Scott Surovell

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Dear Senate Majority Leader Surovell,

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Should you have any questions on the resolution, please feel free to contact Larry Zaragoza at larry.zaragoza@yahoo.com. We thank you for your consideration.

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MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA)
Resolution in Support of Legislation to Protect against the Impacts of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) (MVCCA, E&R 2025-06)

Whereas, PFAS, also known as “forever chemicals” for their persistence in the environment, pose health risks to people and are commonly found in the human body¹;

Whereas, EPA has promulgated drinking water standards for PFAS, promulgated hazardous substances designations for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (specific PFAS contaminants), issued ambient water quality criteria and benchmarks for some PFAS contaminants, and other actions²;

Whereas, the EPA has issued a draft risk assessment for sewage sludge risk assessment for PFOA and PFOS, which would be used to limit the application of sewage sludge, which is also known as biosolids, to land as a soil conditioner or fertilizer³;

Whereas, while the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to reconsider the promulgated PFAS regulations for drinking water⁴ and possibly other PFAS actions, the EPA has said that they plan to retain the standards for Perfluorooctanoic acid(PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), which are two of the most common and widely studied of the PFAS forever chemicals;

Whereas, uncertainty surrounding the implementation of federal PFAS actions has slowed federal and Virginia action to address sources and reduce risks (e.g., drinking water, consumption of crops whose soil has been treated with PFAS contaminated biosolids, and consumption of PFAS contaminated seafood);

Whereas, Fairfax County has taken a critical step of identifying sources of PFAS in the County;

¹ EPA PFAS Website. <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>

² EPA Key Action to Address PFAS. <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/key-epa-actions-address-pfas#:~:text=Final%20CERCLA%20Hazardous%20Substances%20Designations,PFAS%20chemicals%20into%20the%20environment>

³ EPA Federal Register (2025-00734 (90 FR 3859))
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/01/15/2025-00734/draft-sewage-sludge-risk-assessment-for-perfluorooctanoic-acid-pfoa-and-perfluorooctane-sulfonic>

⁴ EPA news release (May 14, 2025) <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-it-will-keep-maximum-contaminant-levels-pfoa-pfos>

Whereas, the science is clear that PFAS are highly persistent in the environment, are toxic at very low levels, are released from a variety of sources, and are commonly found in the human body;

Therefore, be it resolved that the MVCCA asks our representatives to the General Assembly to support and promote legislation that will:

1. Support legislation to require testing of biosolids for PFAS contamination. The testing requirement should be a condition of permits to land apply biosolids and should be required for each land application activity.
2. For each year that biosolids are to be applied to land, require permit holders for land application of biosolids to sample soils for PFAS annually and the sampling results shall be made available within 90 days of sampling to the farm operator.
3. Upon the request of the adjoining land owners or those within 400 feet, Permit holders shall be required to conduct PFAS sampling of private drinking water wells within 90 days.
4. Require that sampling results, including sampling and analysis methods, which shall be methods approved by the State, be reported to property owners and Virginia shall make this information available through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Data Hub or other public website.
5. State legislators should propose legislation to adopt a 4-year moratorium on the application of biosolids to new sites. Because PFAS contaminants are so persistent, application of PFAS contaminated biosolids can contaminate farmland so that it is not useable. The runoff from areas treated with PFAS contaminated biosolids can contaminate seafood.
6. Require the listing of PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under Virginia law.
7. Direct the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt water quality standards for PFOA and PFOS.