

PFAS Legislative Progress in Maine

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Who are we?

We are Defend Our Health!

We work to create a world where all people are thriving, with equal access to safe food and drinking water, healthy homes, and products that are toxic-free and climate-friendly.

What's Happening in Maine

- **Maine has serious PFAS Contamination Issues**
 - Maine has over 50 contaminated farms and over 600 contaminated residential wells.
 - Stoneridge Farm in Arundel was the first known contaminated farm back in 2017.
 - In 2019 Governor Mills created the PFAS task force that produced several recommendations.
 - In 2020 the first piece of legislation to reduce the sources of PFAS was passed in the Maine legislature.

Maine PFAS Legislative Wins

2020-2021



- LD 1433: Banned the use of PFAS in Food Packaging
- LD 129: Set interim maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for PFAS in drinking water at 20 PPT.
- LD 363: Updated Maine's statute of limitations making it easier for Families who have had their land contaminated by PFAS can go to court to seek justice

- LD 1503: First in the nation law that phases out non-essential uses of PFAS from products and requires reporting of PFAS use to the DEP
- LD 1505: Bans the use of AFFF firefighting foam
- LD 1600: Requires the state to test farmland for PFAS contamination, where potentially toxic sewer and industrial sludge has been spread as fertilizer



2022

- LD 1875: Requires the state to study the best way to treat landfill leachate at state-run landfills for PFAS
- 1911: Bans the spreading of sludge on farmland
- LD 2013: Sets up PFAS Fund to provide funding and medical monitoring to PFAS-impacted farmers and well-owners



2023- 2024

- LD 132: This bill would require insurance companies to cover the cost of PFAS blood serum testing as preventative care
- LD 1006: Requires the state to provide free PFAS water testing to low-income residents with residential wells
- LD 1488: Requires landlords to test well water for PFAS and other contaminants for any tenants on a residential well

2023-2024

- LD 1248: Requires any company that extracts water in Maine to test that water for PFAS and make those results public.
- LD 1537: Amends LD 1503 to ban PFAS outright in several product categories and to exempt some product categories from the law



■ **Thank you!** ,

We appreciate your support

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