





# Overview of the NC PFAS Testing Network

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# Legislative Mandate: 2018 Appropriations Act (S99; SL 2018-5)

**Section 13.1.(f)** – NC General Assembly finds that academic expertise & instrumentation in public & private universities in NC should be "maximally utilized to address the occurrence of PFAS, including GenX, in drinking water resources."



# **Legislative Mandate:** 2018 Appropriations Act (S99; SL 2018-5)

# Section 13.1.(I) – Other Research Directives

- •Predictive modeling of private well contamination
- Performance testing of removal technologies
- •Air emissions & atmospheric deposition
- Evaluate other research opportunities

# Legislative Mandate: 2018 Appropriations Act (S99; SL 2018-5)

## Section 13.1.(h) – Reporting requirements

Quarterly progress reports to NCGA Environmental Review Commission and regulatory agencies (NCDEQ, NCDHHS, EPA)

*first report:* **Oct. 1, 2018** >>>> *final report:* **Dec. 1, 2019** 

(provisional timeline extending 1 more year, pending passage of relevant legislation)

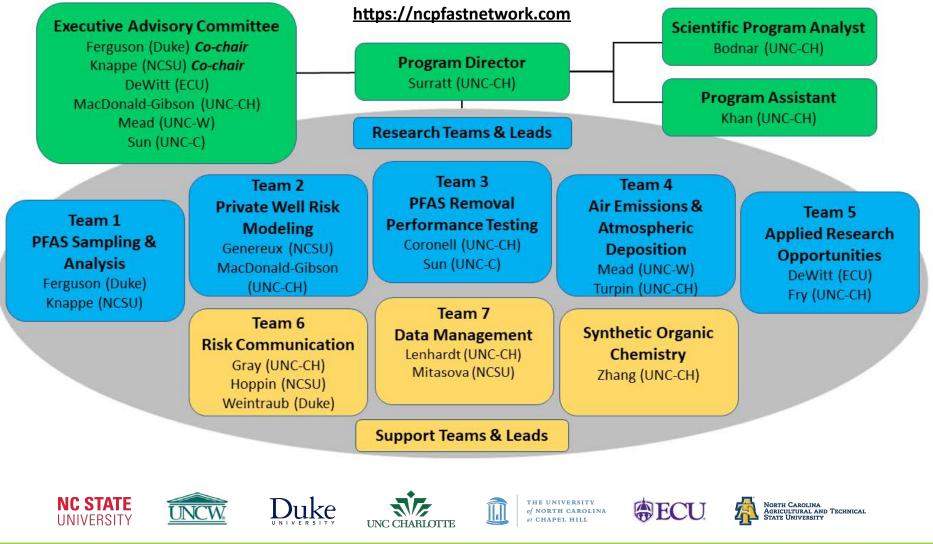
Section 13.1.(i) – Appropriation \$5,013,000



(FY 2018-19; non-recurring; non-reverting)

Additional \$1.7 M provided by NC Policy Collaboratory (through grant matching)





## **Research Objectives of NC PFAS Testing Network**

Statewide Baseline Water Testing

- measure PFAS levels by targeted analysis
- estimate total organic fluorine
- identify more PFAS with non-target analysis

#### Private Well Contamination Risk Modeling

- calculate time for PFAS to flush from aguifer
- analyze contributions to well contamination
- create app for private well owners to predict risk

#### **PFAS Removal Performance Testing**

- evaluate commercial options
- test tap water with in-home filtration
- develop and test novel Fluorogel materials
- assess electrochemical degradation

#### Air Emissions & Atmospheric Deposition

- identify PFAS present in air and rainwater
- analyze geographic distribution of PFAS
- calculate contribution of wet dep. to watershed
- investigate multiphase atmospheric chemistry

#### **Applied Research Projects**

- assess importance of other PFAS sources (landfills, WWTPs) to surface and ground waters
- study PFAS bioaccumulation and biomagnification in ecologically relevant species



test PFAS in mouse model of immunotoxicological response



- examine PFAS uptake in food crops and effects of soil composition
- study effects of PFAS on pregnancy and placental health and function
- develop computer models to predict where PFAS go in organisms and the environment

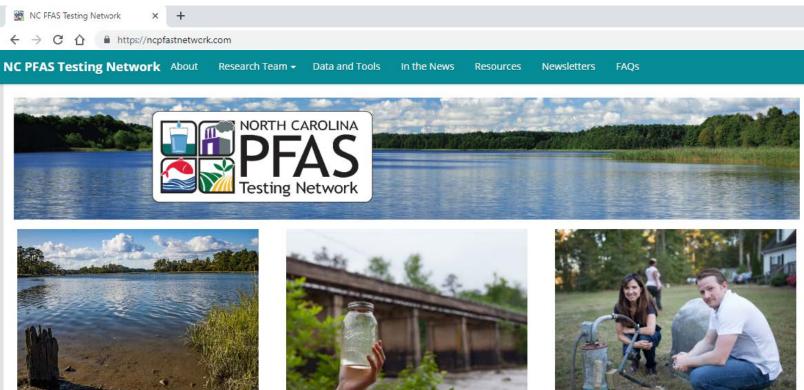




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The beauty of North Carolina's lakes and rivers is being threatened by a group of human-made chemicals, known as PFAS, including GenX.

To understand the extent of PFAS contamination across the state, the North Carolina General Assembly funded a statewide research study.



This study is a collaboration among universities to document the presence of PFAS and understand its impacts on the environment and our health.

What are PFAS?

Learn about the study

Meet the research team



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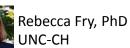


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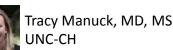
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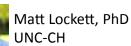
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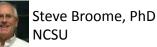


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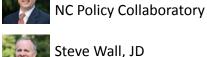


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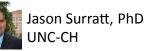
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