# THE PER- AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES PROTECTION ACT & RULEMAKING

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#### What Products Contain PFAS?

#### **Common Industrial Uses**

- Firefighting foam
- Friction reduction in oil and gas
- Fume suppressant in metal plating

#### **Common Consumer Product Uses**

- Paper and packaging
- Stain resistance (clothing, furniture, carpet, etc.)
- Cosmetics and personal care products
- Non-stick cookware, adhesives, and other household products
- Coatings



### **What's Unique About PFAS?**

The same properties that are beneficial for product applications have created significant challenges for human health and the environment.

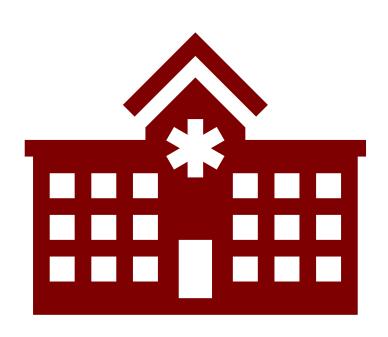
- Surfactant properties
  - Repel water, oil, grease
  - Make self-forming films



#### **How PFAS Affect Human Health**

# Exposure to PFAS is associated with health risks in humans:

- Some cancers including kidney and testicular
- Liver disease
- Thyroid disease
- Elevated cholesterol
- Pregnancy complications, lower birth weight
- Impacts on the immune system such as reduced vaccine antibody response



# NMED Activities to Understand and Reduce PFAS Contamination

- AFFF as hazardous waste
- Landfill study
- Cannon AFB and blood study
- Holloman AFB/Holloman Lake
  - Survey about community recreation and PFAS exposure
- Emerging contaminants program



#### **PFAS Protection Act**

- Passed in 2025 by NM Legislature, signed by Governor
- Phases out/prohibits certain products that contain intentionally added PFAS
  - Names specific product categories for phase out/prohibition
  - Some exemptions apply
- Provides for the ability to identify additional products for phase out/prohibition
- Requires reporting of specified information for products containing intentionally added PFAS
- Identifies categories exempt from reporting requirements (exempt product categories may still be subject to labeling requirements)
- Department may require product testing
- Authorizes the Environmental Improvement Board to require the labeling of products in English and Spanish

#### **Rule Implementation Timeline**



# Implementing the PFAS Protection Act

- Scope
- Objective
- Definitions
- Prohibitions on Products Containing Per- or Polyfluoroalkyl substances

- Exemptions
- Currently Unavoidable Use
- Reporting Requirement
- Labeling
- Testing
- Fees
- Enforcement



## **Phaseouts/Prohibitions**

# Phased Out January 1, 2027

- Cookware
- Food packaging
- Dental floss
- Juvenile products
- Firefighting foam

# Phased Out January 1, 2028

- Carpets and rugs
- Cleaning products
- Cosmetics
- Fabric treatments
- Textiles/textile furnishing
- Feminine hygiene
- Ski wax
- Upholstered furniture

# Phased Out January 1, 2032

 All products not otherwise exempt and not designated a "Currently Unavoidable Use"

#### **Product Categories Eligible for Exemptions**



Medical



Heating, Cooling, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration



Veterinary



Public Health, Environmental & Water Testing Equipment



**Motor Vehicles** 



**Other Motor Vehicles** 



Watercraft & Aircraft



Semiconductors



Non-consumer Electronics & Lab Equipment



Electricity Generation, Distribution & Storage



Currently Unavoidable Uses



Products Containing Fluoropolymers

## **Current Unavoidable Use (CUU)**

- "Currently Unavoidable Use" (CUU) means a use of PFAS that the board has determined by rule to be essential for health, safety or the functioning of society and for which alternatives are not reasonably available
- Manufacturer must submit CUU proposal for determination
- A list of approved CUUs will be made available to the public and posted on the NMED website

## **Reporting Requirements**

- A manufacturer of a product sold, offered for sale, distributed or distributed for sale in the state must submit a report for each product or component that contains intentionally added PFAS.
- Reporting due by January 1, 2027
- Products containing intentionally added PFAS for which a report was not submitted are prohibited from sale as of January 1, 2028



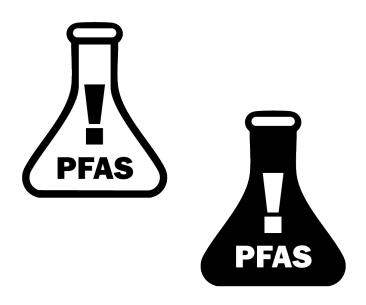
### **Labeling Requirements Overview**

- Labeling requirements will apply to all products that contain intentionally added PFAS sold, offered for sale, or distributed in New Mexico.
- Packaging will include a web address or QR (Quick Response) code to a NMED website with information on PFAS use in products (<a href="www.env.nm.gov/pfas/">www.env.nm.gov/pfas/</a>).
- Labeling/disclosure requirements also apply to online and catalog product sales.
- Complex durable goods (e.g., motor vehicles, HVAC systems) have different requirements for disclosure but similar content.
- Used products are exempted from labeling requirements.
- Possible exemption from labeling if:
  - The product falls within a category exempt from reporting requirements of the rule; and
  - the manufacturer demonstrates that consumers will not come into direct contact with intentionally added PFAS while the product is being used as intended and throughout the product's useful life.

# **Example Label Symbols and Language** for Products

**Symbol for Products** 

**Label for Product Packaging** 



CAUTION: Associated with environmental impacts and health effects such as cancer.

PRECAUCIÓN: Asociado con impactos ambientales y efectos sobre la salud, como el cáncer.

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# **Example Use on Products & Packaging**







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### **Examples for Complex Durable Goods**



#### Car Maker XYZ

Model 123 Owner's Manual

#### California Proposition 65 Warning

**A WARNING:** Operating, servicing and maintaining a passenger vehicle or off-highway motor vehicle can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide, phthalates, and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, service your vehicle in a well-ventilated are and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your vehicle. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/passendervehicle.

#### Event Data Recorders

This vehicle is equipped with an event data recorder (EDR). The main purpose of an EDR is to record, in certain crash or near crash-like situations, such as an air bag deployment or hitting a road obstacle, data that will assist in understanding how a vehicle's systems performed. The EDR is designed to record data related to vehicle dynamics and safety systems for a short period of time, typically 30 seconds or less. The EDR in this vehicle is designed to record such data as:

- · How various systems in your vehicle were operating;
- Whether or not the driver and passenger safety belts were buckled/fastened;
- How far (if at all) the driver was depressing the accelerator and/or brake pedal; and,
- How fast the vehicle was traveling

This vehicle is made with PFAS chemicals or contains component parts made with PFAS chemicals. PFAS are a family of chemicals, exposure to which are associated with negative health and environmental effects. The following components of this vehicle contain PFAS:

- 1. AAA
- 2. BBB
- 3. CCC

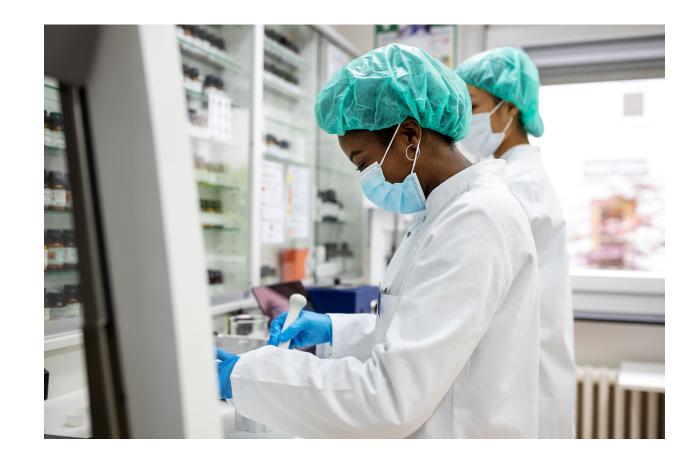
Este producto está fabricado con PFAS o contiene componentes fabricados con PFAS. Los PFAS son una familia de sustancias químicas cuya exposición se asocia con efectos negativos para la salud y el medio ambiente. Los siguientes componentes de este vehículo contienen PFAS:

- 1. AAA 2. BBB
- 3. CCC

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# **Testing**

- NMED may test or require a manufacturer to test their product to determine the presence and concentration of PFAS in the product if there is a reasonable suspicion that the product contains intentionally added PFAS
- Does not apply to a medical device or drug or the packaging of a medical device or drug that is regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration



#### **Fees and Enforcement**

- Two types of Fees
  - Reporting Fees
  - Currently Unavoidable Use Designation Application Fees
- Enforcement

# **Public Input Opportunities**

Date	Activity
September 25, 2025	Public comment portal opens for the rulemaking effort through the start of the hearing; NMED hosts stakeholder webinar to overview labeling requirements
October 8, 2025	Proposed rule to EIB
October 22, 2025	Virtual public meeting on proposed rule
October 24, 2025	EIB October meeting granting hearing
60 Days Prior to Hearing	Public notice of hearing; public comment period
February/March 2026	Potential hearing