

# Save The Date

*Poplar Island in Talbot County, Maryland  
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## Improving the Understanding and Coordination of Science Activities for PFAS in the Chesapeake Watershed

**May 17-18, 2022 | 9 am to 4 pm EST**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries in the United States since the 1940s. These compounds are persistent in the environment and have been shown to have adverse human and ecological health effects. While jurisdictions have begun some studies on PFAS in drinking water, little is known about PFAS in the Chesapeake ecosystem. There is the possibility for widespread occurrence, biomagnification potential through the food web, and risk to fish, wildlife, and human health. There is an imminent need for better standardization, unified approaches and sharing of knowledge to allow close cooperation among and between the various research institutions and management agencies represented in the Bay watershed. Please join the [Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee](#) (STAC) and our partners for a two-day workshop on better understanding the state of the science and improving science coordination for PFAS, identifying current approaches and efforts to inform the potential ecological effects of PFAS, and considering recommendations for a more coordinated PFAS science effort throughout the Watershed.

*This workshop is currently planned to be in-person with a virtual option; you may register in advance for virtual participation using the link below.*

[Register here](#)

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