**H.R. 535 Toolkit**

**Overview**

H.R. 535, the PFAS Action Act, will reduce ongoing PFAS releases into the air and water, limit PFOA and PFOS in tap water, and clean up legacy PFOA and PFOS pollution.

**Topline Messaging**

* PFAS has now been detected in the water of more than 1,400 communities, including near 300 military installations, and have been linked to serious health problems, including cancer.
* Our communities can’t wait any longer for action from EPA. No one should have to worry if their water is safe. But, EPA has known about the risks posed by PFAS for decades and failed to act.
* The NDAA includes important PFAS reforms that will end some PFAS uses by DOD, increase reporting of PFAS releases by industry, and expand PFAS monitoring in tap and ground water.
* But, much more needs to be done reduce ongoing PFAS releases, get PFAS out of our tap water, and clean up legacy PFAS contamination.
* H.R. 535 builds on the progress in the NDAA in five important ways.
* One, H.R. 535 will start the process to restrict ongoing industrial releases of PFAS into the air and water. Currently, there are NO restrictions on PFAS releases into the air and water.
* Two, H.R. 535 sets a deadline for EPA to limit the amount of PFOA and PFOS that can be in our tap water and provide new resources for water utilities to install treatment technologies.
* Three, H.R. 535 designates PFOA and PFOS as “hazardous substances” under CERCLA, which will kick-start the clean-up process at the most contaminated sites, especially DOD installations.
* Four, H.R. 535 will require the development of new science BEFORE we bring new PFAS chemical into commerce.
* Five, H.R. 535 gives consumers new tools to avoid PFAS in household products by expanding EPA’s Safer Choice program.
* There are other important provision in H.R. 535 that will protect our communities and workers, especially our firefighters.

**Sample Social Media**

The PFAS Action Act will reduce ongoing #PFAS releases into the air and water, limit PFAS in tap water, and clean up legacy PFAS pollution. RT to tell Congress it’s time to #CleanUpPFAS!! and vote YES on H.R. 535 #DarkWaters ([Map](https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/2019_pfas_contamination/map/))

Toxic #PFAS has now been confirmed in nearly 1,400 communities. RT to tell Congress it’s time to #CleanUpPFAS!! and vote YES on H.R. 535 #DarkWaters ([Map](https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/2019_pfas_contamination/map/))

Toxic #PFAS has now been confirmed at more than 300 military installations. RT to tell Congress it’s time to #CleanUpPFAS!! and vote YES on H.R. 535 #DarkWaters (link to [Map](https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/2019_pfas_contamination/map/))

Toxic #PFAS has been linked to cancer and harm to our reproductive and immune systems. RT to tell Congress it’s time to #CleanUpPFAS and vote YES on H.R. 535!! #DarkWaters (link to [Map](https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/2019_pfas_contamination/map/))

**Background Materials**

Link to EWG’s map: <https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/2019_pfas_contamination/map/>

Link to EWG’s 3m/DuPont timeline: <https://www.ewg.org/pfastimeline/>

Link to most contaminated DOD sites: <https://www.ewg.org/news-and-analysis/2019/10/100-us-military-sites-worst-pfas-contamination>

Link to DOD history: <https://www.ewg.org/research/pfas-chemicals-contaminate-least-110-us-military-sites/pentagon-s-50-year-history-pfas>

Link to DOD timeline: <https://www.ewg.org/dodpfastimeline/>

What Congress should do: <https://www.ewg.org/news-and-analysis/2019/07/address-pfas-pollution-congress-should-report-reduce-and-remediate>

Why we need  a “hazardous substance” designation: <https://www.ewg.org/news-and-analysis/2019/07/it-s-time-designate-pfas-hazardous-substance>

Why a “hazardous substance” designation is not a ban: <https://www.ewg.org/news-and-analysis/2019/07/it-s-time-regulate-industrial-discharges-pfas>

Why we need regulation of PFAS discharges under the CWA: <https://www.ewg.org/news-and-analysis/2019/07/it-s-time-regulate-industrial-discharges-pfas>