

An integrated approach for the effective
management of water pollution risks from
emerging contaminants



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Environmental distribution and monitoring of new alternative PFAS in contaminated sites

new compounds – old problems

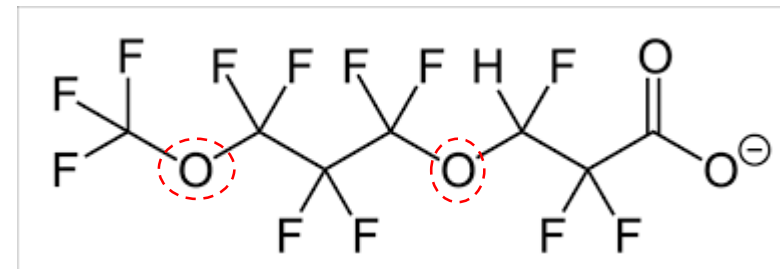
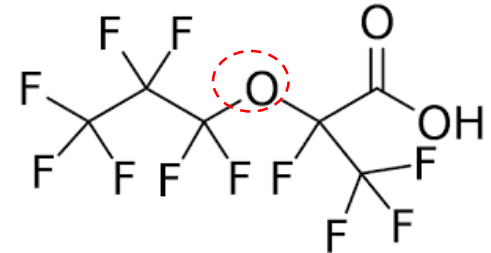
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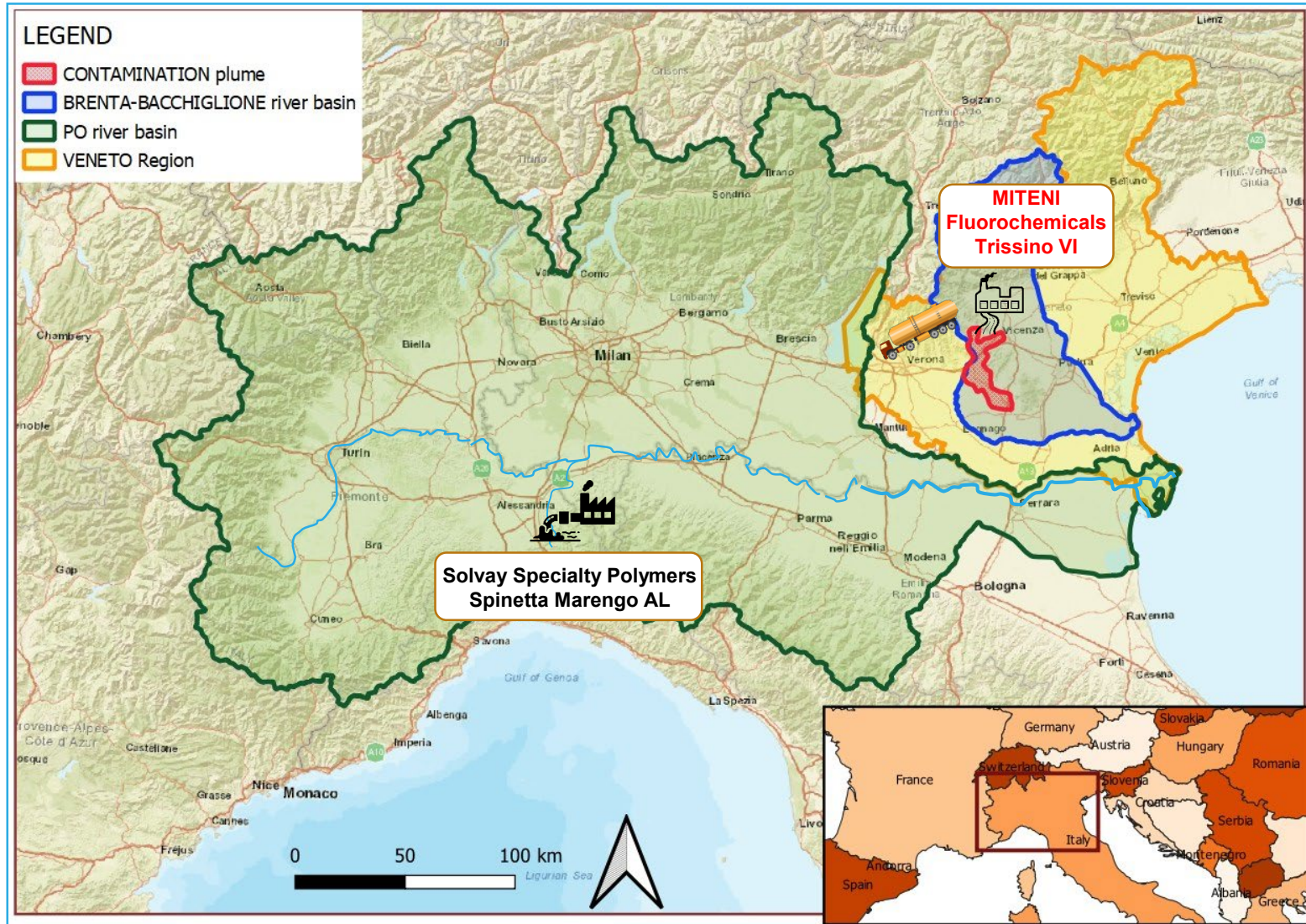
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PFAS alternative in fluoropolymer manufacture

- ADONA from 3M/Dyneon
- GenX from (Chemours) DuPont
- cyclic or polymeric functionalized PFPEs from Solvay for its PTFE and PVDF manufacture
- EEA from Asahi
- APFHx from Daikin
- 6:2 FTCA from Chinese company



Monitoring of PFOA alternatives in Italy



GenX

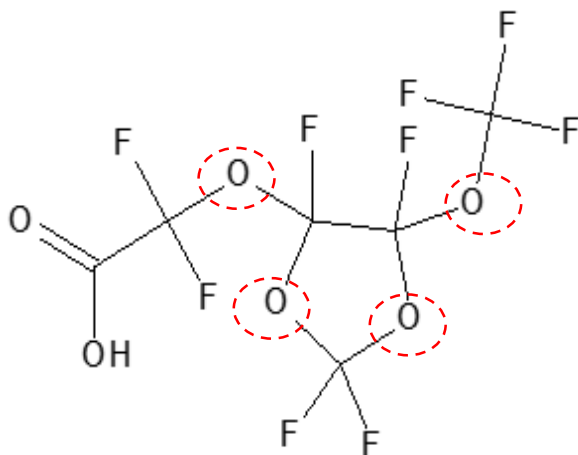
Chemours in Dordrecht (NL)



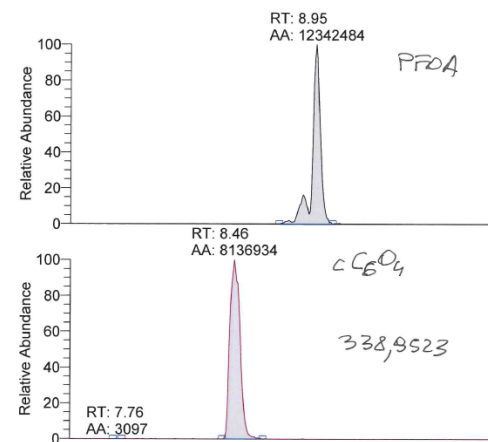
C6O4 (F-Dioxin)

P5MeODIOXOAc: Perfluoro([5-methoxy-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]oxy)acetic acid

Solavy Miteni PPA
CAS # 1190931-41-9
name cC6O4

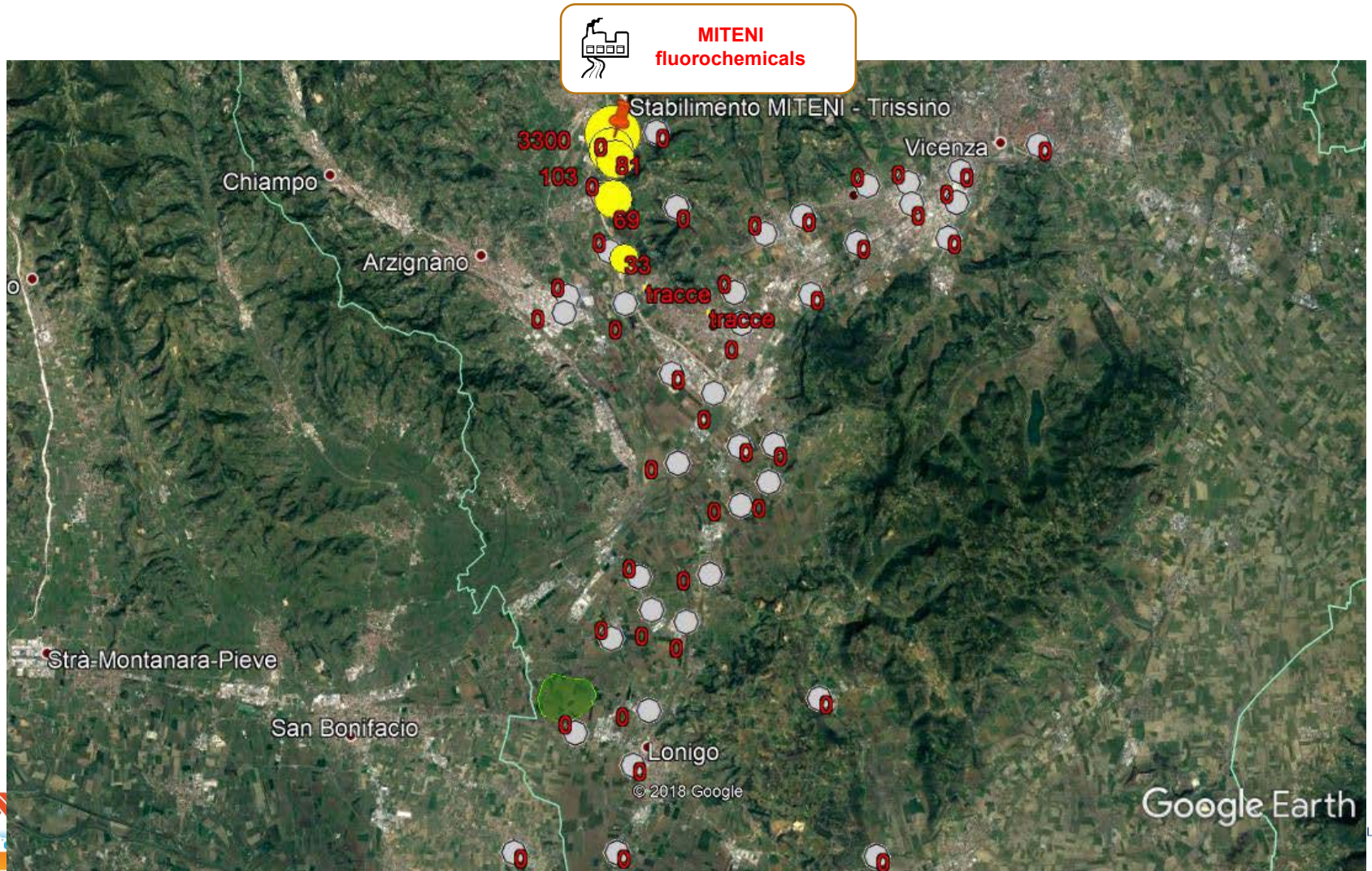


Molecular Formula: $C_6HF_9O_6$
Monoisotopic Mass: 339.962942 Da
[M-H]⁻: 338.955665 Da

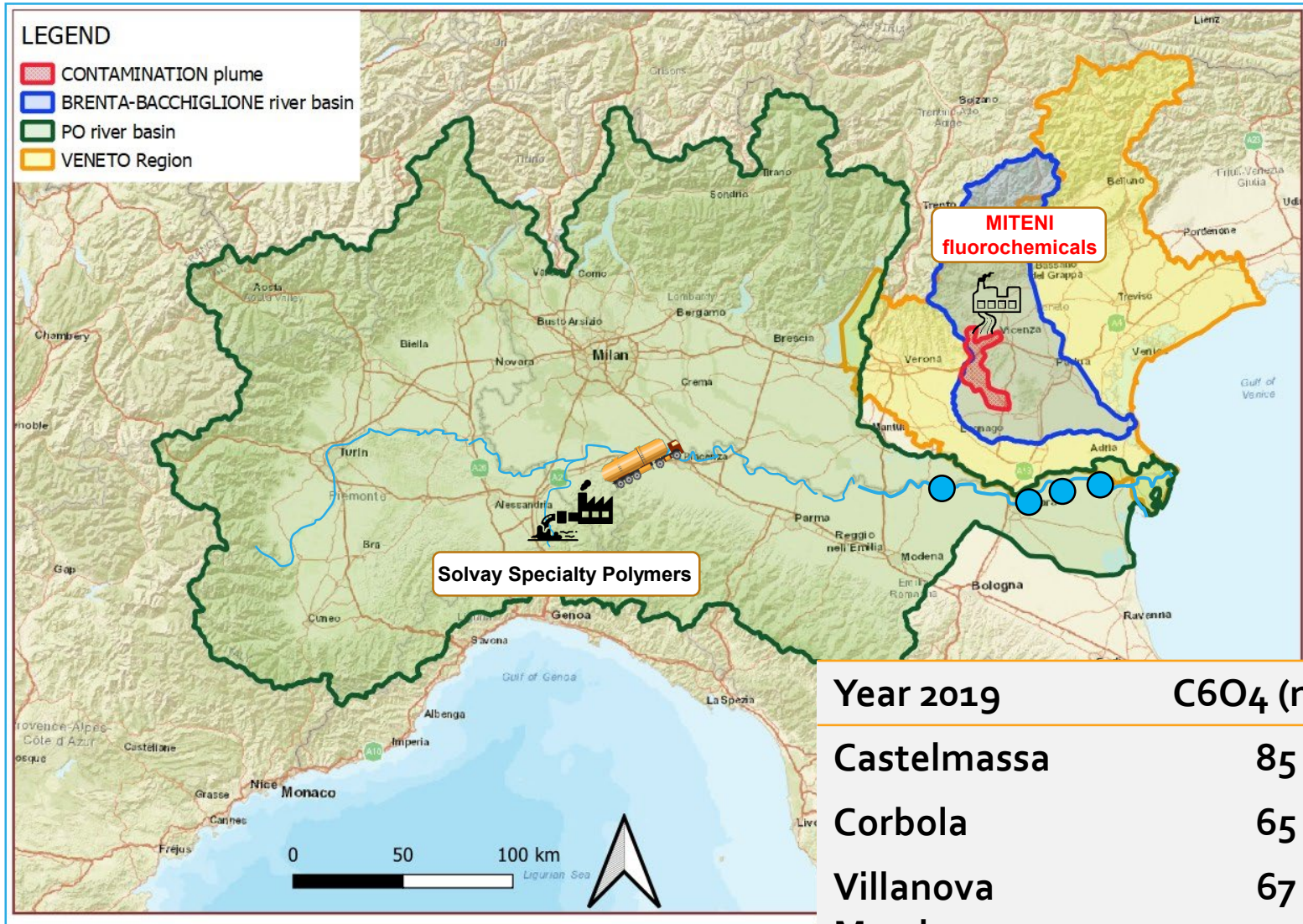


*“According to the applicant, the substance cC6O4, ammonium salt, is used as an **emulsifier/dispersing agent** during the polymerization process of fluoropolymers such as **tetrafluoroethylene** homopolymer and others.”*

Monitoring of C6O4 in Miteni's polluted groundwater



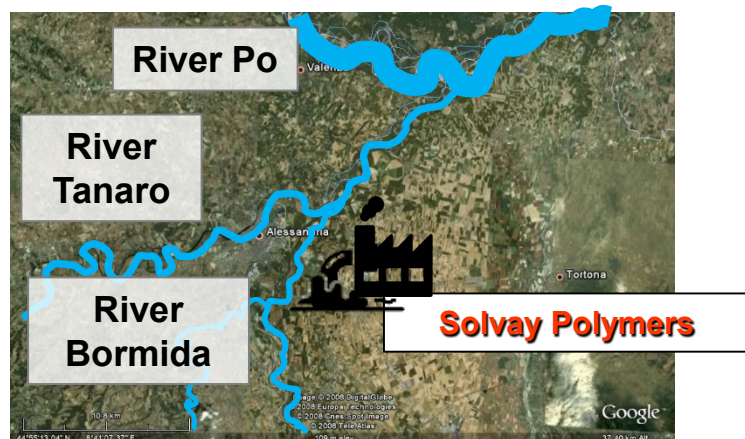
Monitoring of C6O4



C6O4 source

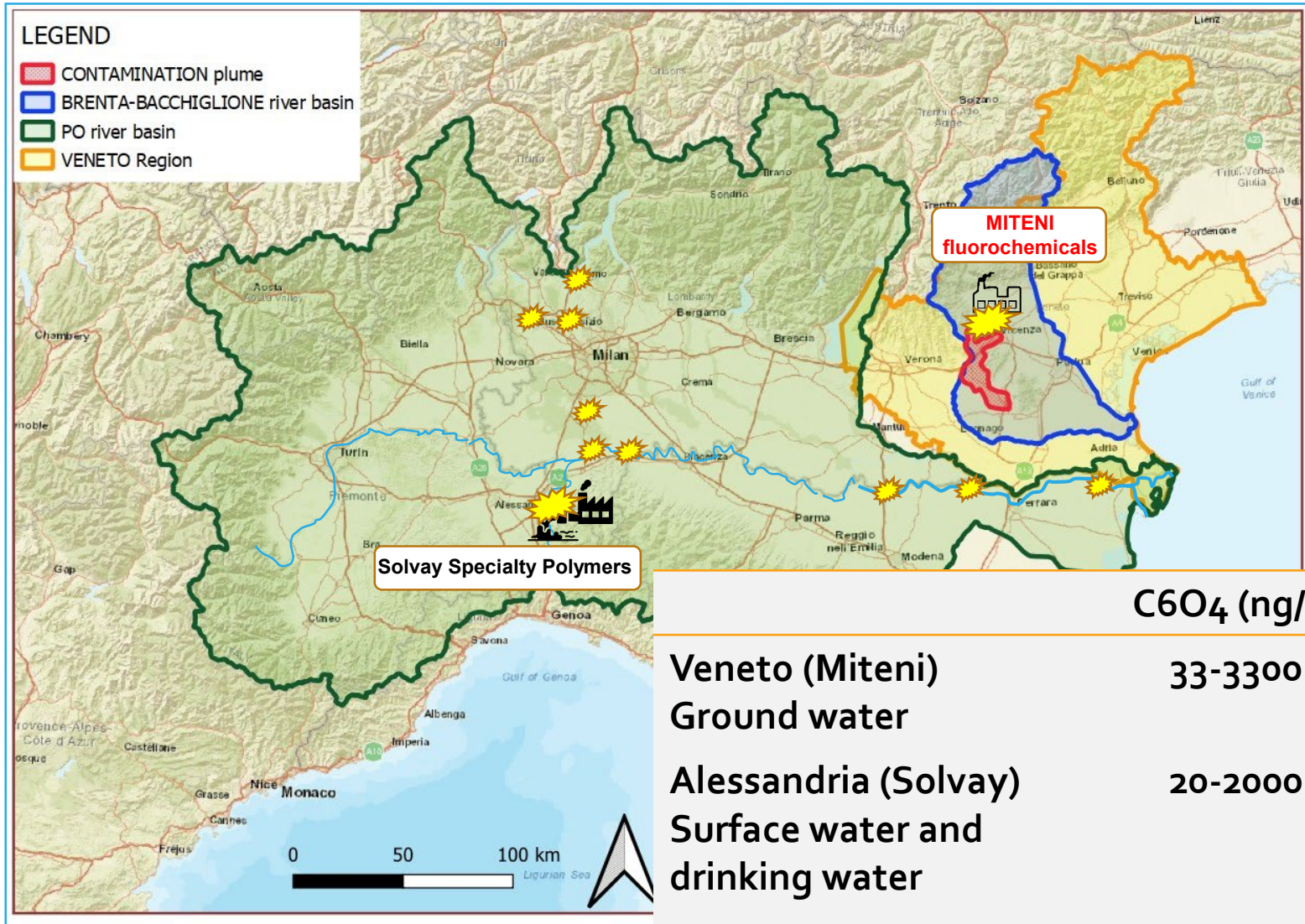
Solvay discharge: 50-150 $\mu\text{g/L}$ C6O4

C6O4 is the substitute of PFOA that Solvay has been using for PTFE production in Italy



Year 2020	C6O4 (ng/L)
Bormida	806
Tanaro	233
Po	88

C6O4 environmental distribution



C6O4 bioaccumulation in clam (*Ruditapes philippinarum*)

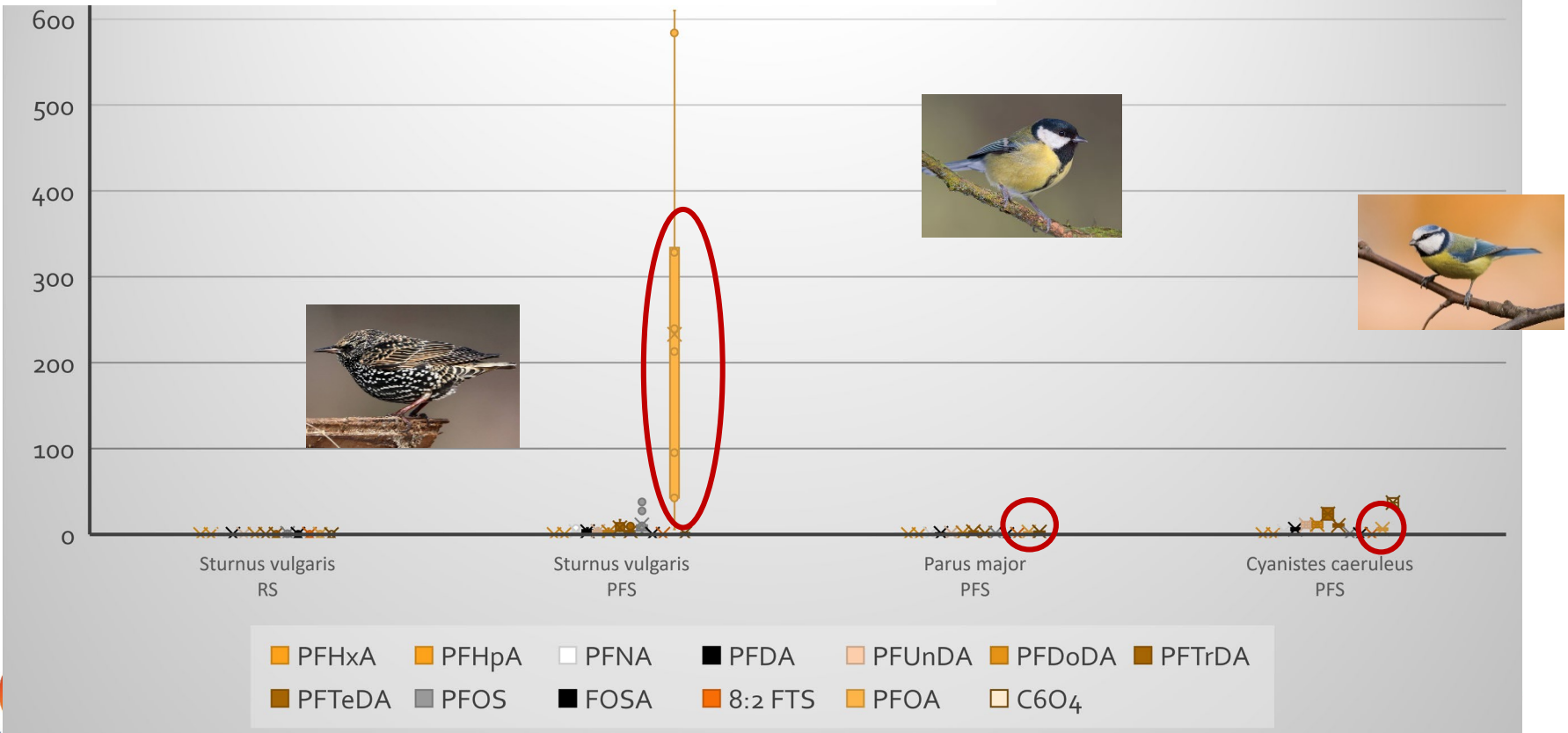
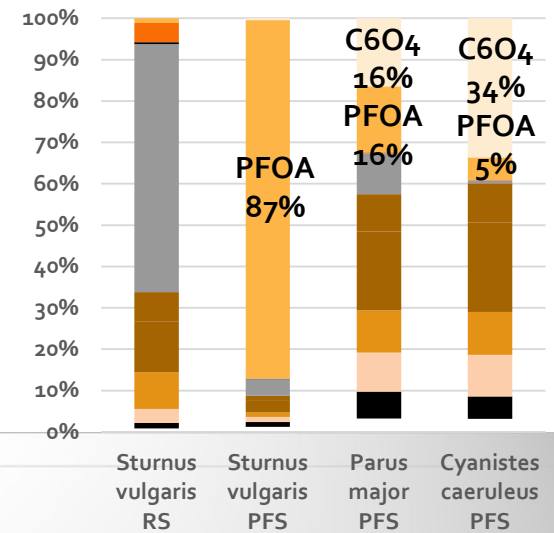


Clam soft tissue	Water concentration $\mu\text{g/L}$	Bioaccumulation Factor (L/kg)	Bioaccumulation Factor (Log) (L/kg)
C6O ₄	1.01 ± 0.07	21	1.3
PFOA	0.93 ± 0.31	119	2.1

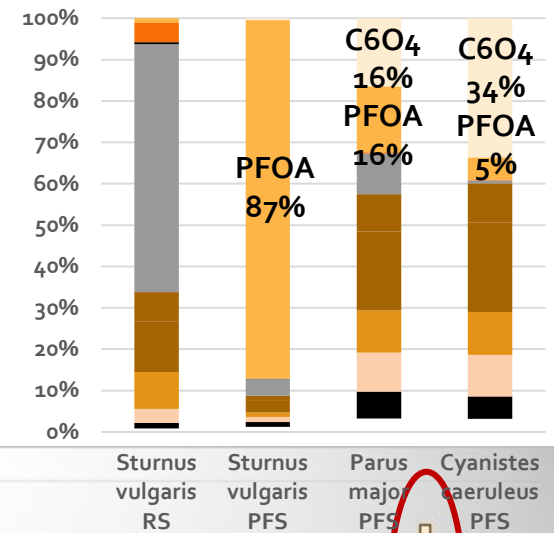
Bernardini *et al.*, The new PFAS C6O₄ and its effects on marine invertebrate : first evidence of transcriptional and microbiota changes in the Manila clam *Ruditapes philippinarum* .
Environmental International, accepted

PFOA bioaccumulation in eggs of wild birds around Solvay site

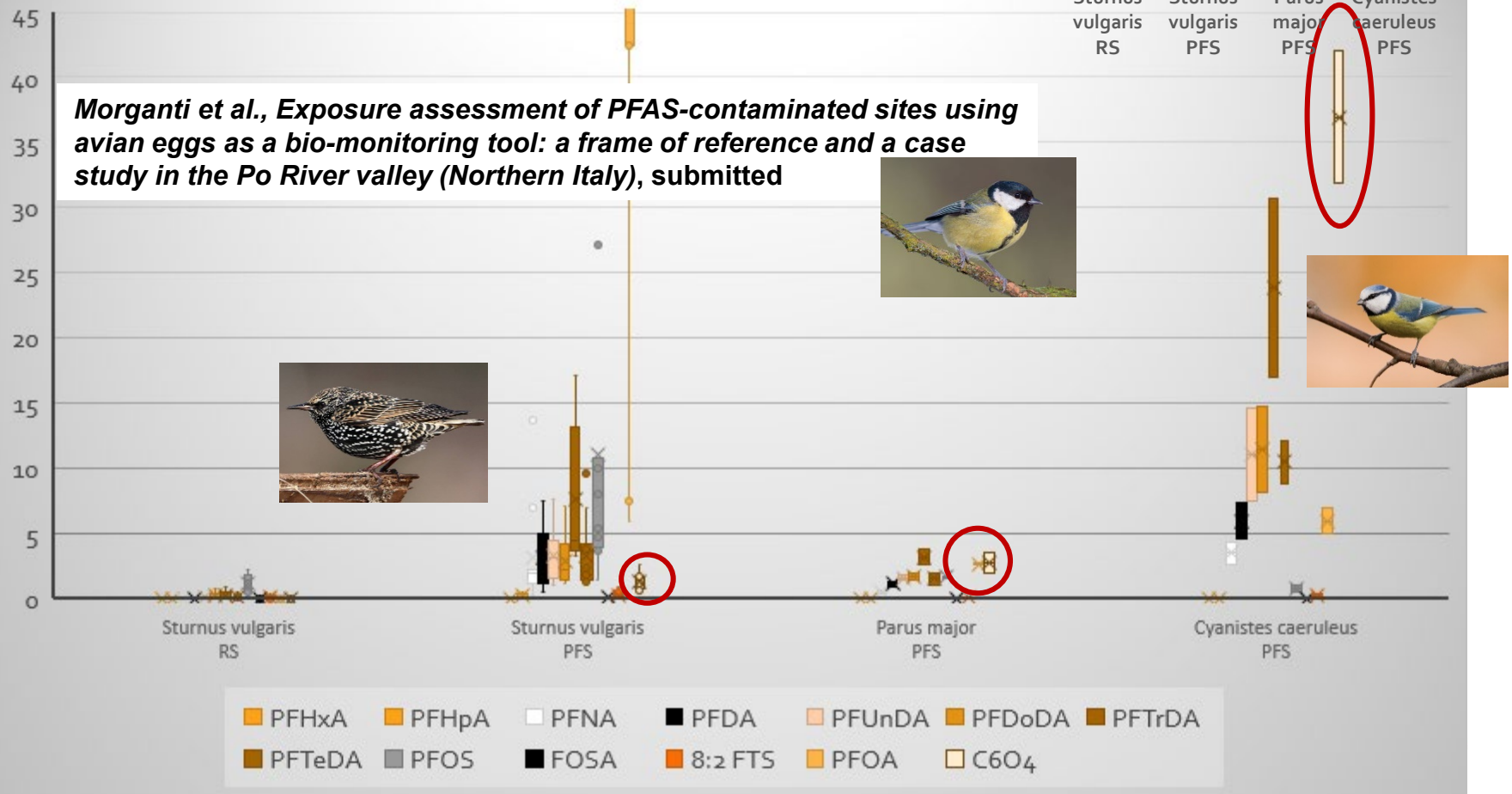
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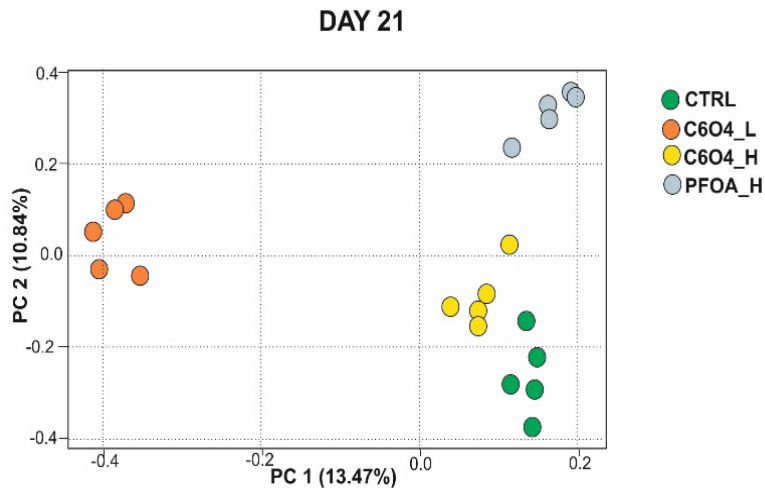
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C6O4 effects in clam (*Ruditapes philippinarum*)



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- **significant perturbations** to the digestive gland microbiota likely determining the impairment of host physiological homeostasis
- **several alterations of the gene expression profiling**. A large part of the altered pathways, including immune response, apoptosis regulation, nervous system development, lipid metabolism and cell membrane metabolism are **the same in C6O₄ and PFOA exposed clams**.
- dose-dependent responses as well as possible **narcotic or neurotoxic** effects and reduced activation of genes involved in **xenobiotic metabolism**.

Product Discontinuation Announcement

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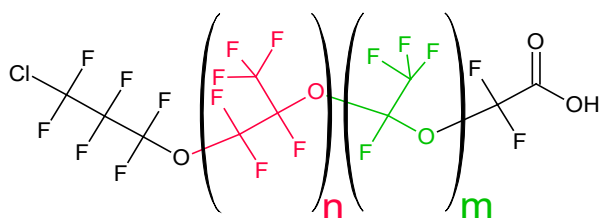
Dear Valued Customer,

We apologize for the extended back-order that has been applied to our P5MeODIOXOAc product and regret to inform you that we are now discontinuing this product permanently. Wellington was notified in July of 2020 that the sale of our P5MeODIOXOAc standard for environmental testing and research (also known as C6O4, CAS 1190931-41-9) constituted an infringement of Solvay's patent rights. We were hoping to negotiate an

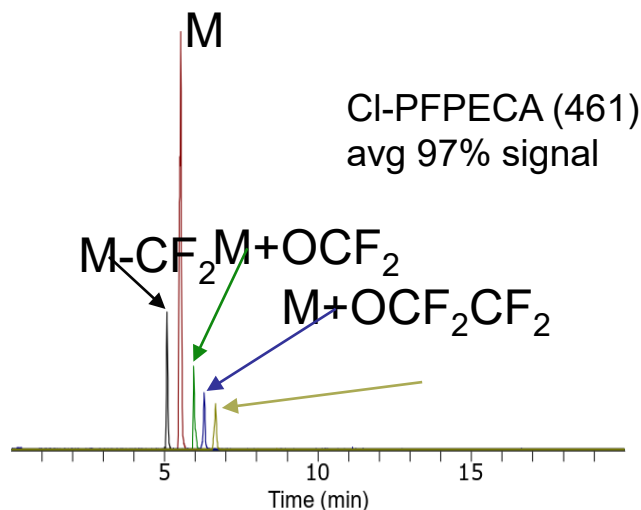
Chloro perfluoro polyether carboxylic acids CI-PFPECAs(n,m)

Solvay
CAS 329238-24-6

Monoisotopic Mass (Da)

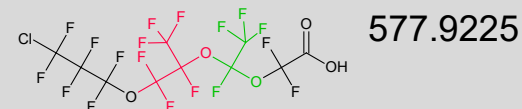


propyl, ethyl



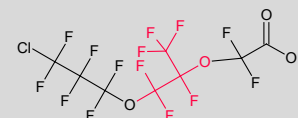
CI-PFPECA (461)
avg 97% signal

Solvay 1,1



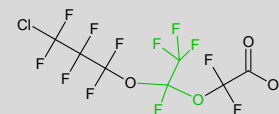
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Solvay 1,0



461.9340

Solvay 0,1



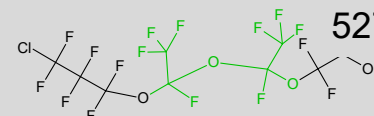
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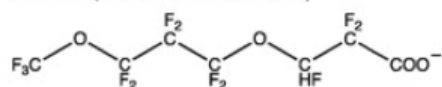


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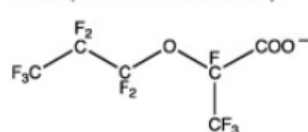
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Fluoropolymer manufacture

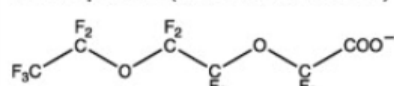
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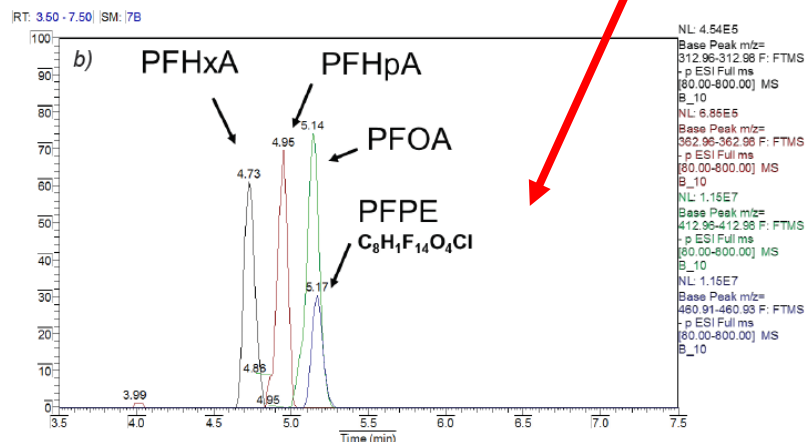
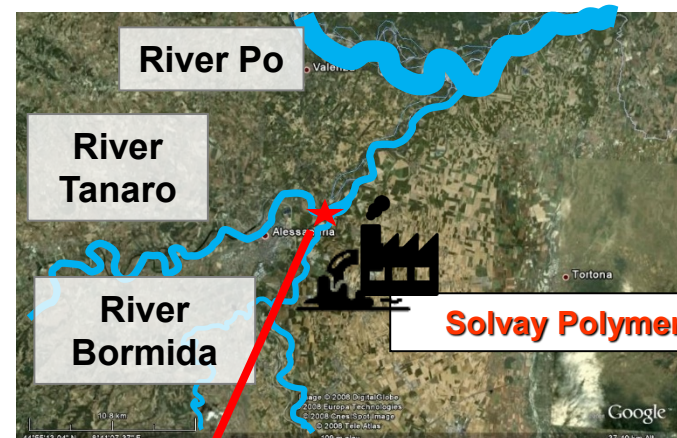
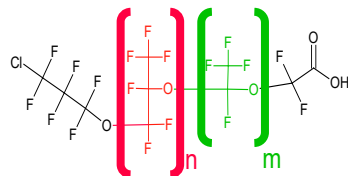
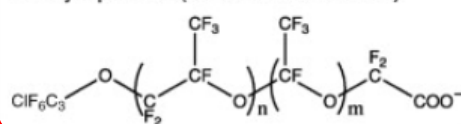
GenX (CAS No. 62037-80-3)



Asahi's product (CAS No. 908020-52-0)



Solvay's product (CAS No. 329238-24-6)



Wang, Z., et al. (2013). Environ. Int. **60**: 242.

Mazzoni et al. 2015. *Norman Bulletin Issue 4*

Surface and well samples collected prior any home treatment.

Congeners also detected in regional soil and plant samples

CI-PFPECA_s(n,m)

USA environmental monitoring

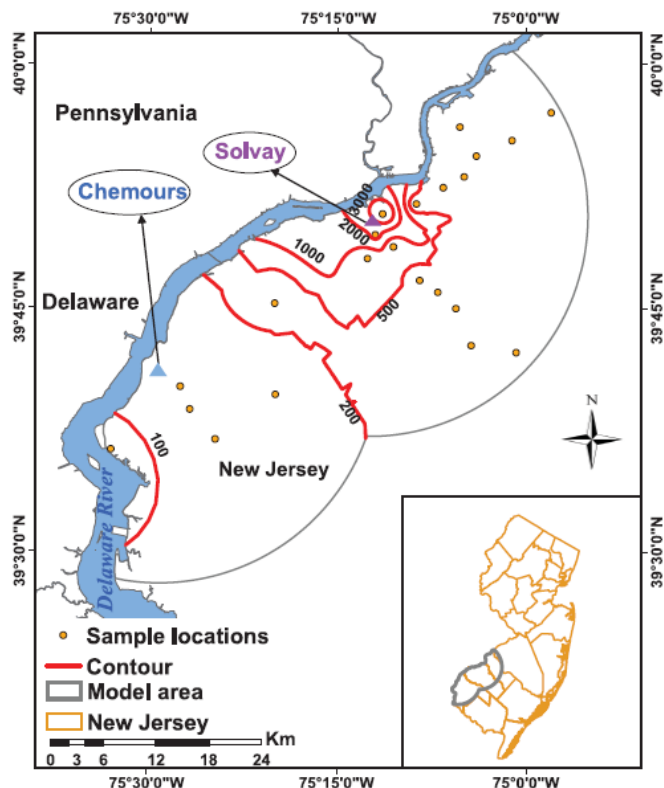


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Letter

Emerging Chlorinated Polyfluorinated Polyether Compounds Impacting the Waters of Southwestern New Jersey Identified by Use of Nontargeted Analysis

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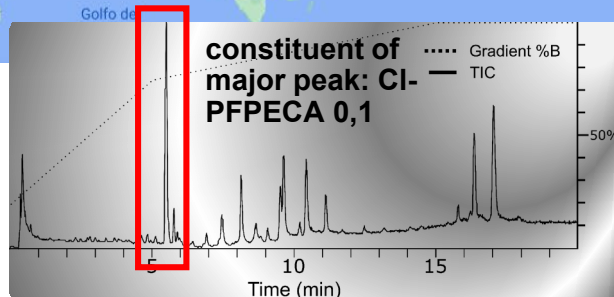
Nontargeted mass-spectral detection of chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates in New Jersey soils

John W. Washington^{1,*}, Charlita G. Rosal¹, James P. McCord², Mark J. Strynar², Andrew B. Lindstrom², Erica L. Bergman³, Sandra M. Goodrow⁴, Haile K. Tadesse², Andrew N. Piant², Benjamin J. Washington⁵, Mary J. Davis¹, Brittany G. Stuart⁶, Thomas M. Jenkins⁷

CI-PFPECA_s(n,m)

The site in NJ employs fluorinated gases, 142b and VF₂. It also produces polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), a semi-crystalline engineering thermoplastic and Tecnoflon, which is a fluorinated elastomer.

**Solvay Specialty
Polymers**
West Deptford (NJ)



Ocean Atlantico settentrionale

The Intercept

Solvay Specialty Polymers

SOLVAY WITHHOLDS DATA ABOUT TOXIC PFAS POLLUTION IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has sued Solvay Specialty Polymers over its refusal to release secret studies of its PFAS chemicals.



Sharon Leizer

November 17 2020, 2:39 p.m.

CI-PFPECA(n,m)

Preliminary analyses 2020 LC-MS/MS



µg/L	year	PFOA	C6O ₄	CI- PFPECA 1,0*	CI- PFPECA 0,1*	CI- PFPECA 2,0*	CI- PFPECA 1,1*	CI- PFPECA 0,2*
River Upstream	2020	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
SOLVAY's discharge	2020	2.9	141	2.8	496	20	55	142
River Dowstream	2020	0.01	0.81	0.03	1.94	0.01	0.21	0.42

* Concentration estimated by cC6O₄ calibration

Cl-PFPECA_s(n,m)

Retrospective analysis of samples: GW

Groundwater below
Solvay Site Plant
(first layer)
µg/L

year	PFOA	C6O4	Cl- PFPECA 1,0*	Cl- PFPECA 0,1*	Cl- PFPECA 2,0*	Cl- PFPECA 1,1*	Cl- PFPECA 0,2*
2012	15	1	2-3	38-83	2-3	1-2	2-3
2012	14	1	2-3	40-87	1-2	1-2	2-3
2012	49	0	nd	25- 52	nd	nd	nd

* Concentration estimated by C6O4 calibration

Conclusions

- Need to manage the circulation of waste
- C6O₄ probably less bioaccumulative but not less toxic
- C6O₄ reveals to be a non-safe alternative to PFOA
- CI-PFPECA probably bioaccumulable

