

PFAS & Emerging Contaminants

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OVERVIEW

With increasingly focused attention from both regulators and litigants, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which have been used in a wide variety of products for decades, have become a growing concern for businesses. GRSM is committed to helping our clients navigate the evolving landscape of PFAS regulation and litigation while striving to achieve early and efficient resolutions. Our attorneys are extensively involved in the defense of clients in the ongoing federal multidistrict litigation (MDL) proceeding in South Carolina, and advise on regulatory compliance, potential liabilities and environmental contamination risks for companies that manufacture, retail, or use products containing PFAS and other emerging contaminants.

COMPLIANCE

We understand that PFAS and other emerging contaminants present complex issues involving many challenges. We provide a comprehensive audit of your facilities to uncover potential points of risk and recommend actions to minimize future environmental and toxic tort liabilities.

LITIGATION

We bring the full weight of our experience representing clients in litigation involving persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and toxic substances to our work defending clients in litigation over PFAS and other emerging contaminants.

Our position at the forefront of emerging contaminant defense, combined with our national footprint, allows our toxic tort litigators to collaborate with our attorneys across the United States on successful defense strategies as this area of law develops.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- We represent a manufacturer and distributors of aqueous firefighting foams (AFFF) in an MDL proceeding in South Carolina.
- We serve as national counsel in an MDL proceeding for distributors/retailers of turnout gear used by firefighters.
- We represent paper mill owners in a federal class action in Maine, where plaintiffs allege the mills discharged residual PFAS substances, and in similar state actions.
- We represent a transportation company after an airplane crash that resulted in the use of vast amounts of AFFF to suppress the fire.
- We represent a purchaser of industrial premises contaminated with PFAS.
- We represent a corporate landowner in a remediation matter before the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.
- We represent multiple companies concerning alleged PFAS violations of California's Proposition 65 and assist other companies with their compliance efforts.
- We regularly counsel clients regarding the regulatory and reporting requirements associated with the EPA's extensive PFAS amendments to TSCA.