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Where are PFAS in Products?

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Presenter biography

Bruce Calder is the VP of Operations at Claigan Environmental. Bruce has worked in restricted materials for nearly twenty years. Claigan is one of the largest restricted materials in products testing laboratories in North America. Bruce is one of the leading experts in the world on perfluoroalkyl substances testing and its uses.



Presentation abstract

Everyone talks about PFAS, but no one really knows where they are used. Sure the newspaper talks about PTFE in frypans, but is that the only place where it is used? Well, no. A frypan may have one PFAS part in it, but your average electronic product has more than 20 PFAS parts in it.

This talk will go over the main test method for PFAS and where you actually find them in products. Does the outer shell of your winter gloves have PFAS? Yes, it does, but so does the washing instructions tag. Does your hard drive have PFAS? Yes, it does. In the housing, wiring, and the stickers.

There will be a show-and-tell of actual parts with PFAS for attendees to see and feel.