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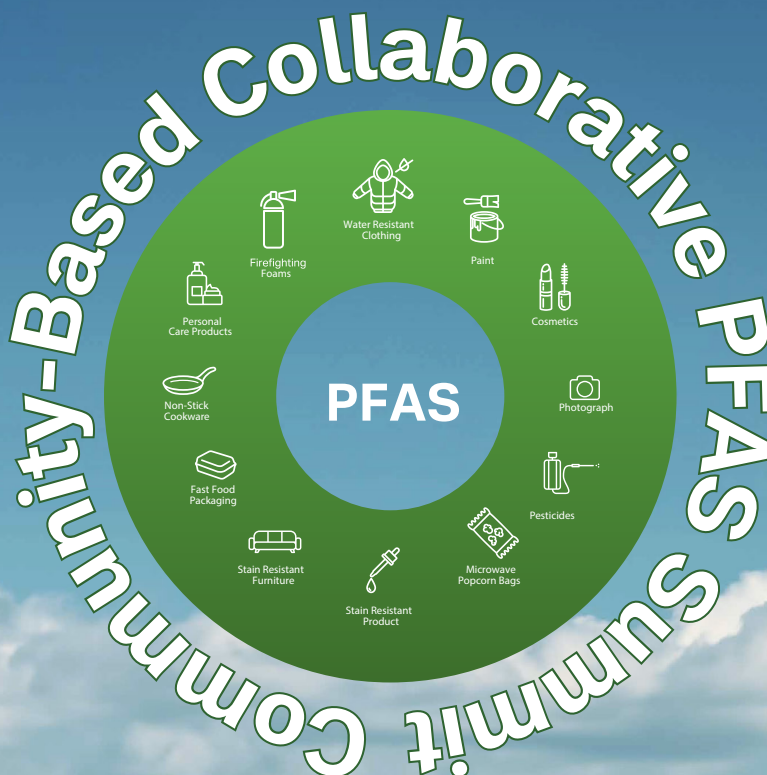
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Friday, **June 14**, 2024

9:30 am - 4:30 pm EST

Registration 9 am - Reception 4:30 pm



Stevens Institute of Technology
1 Castle Point on Hudson - Hoboken, NJ

Distinguished Keynote Speaker

Robert Bilott

“Environmental Law, Corporate Accountability, and PFAS Contamination”



Robert Bilott is a distinguished lawyer, whose life story is chronicled in the book **“Exposure”** and the movie **“Dark Waters.”**

He spent two decades building a case against DuPont for their use of the unregulated and hazardous chemical PFOA, uncovering one of the most severe environmental contaminations in history.

This is a rare opportunity to hear from Mr. Bilott, a celebrated figure and expert in environmental litigation, public health protection, and environmental advocacy.

The one-day summit program will also be virtually
accessible by invitation, only.

COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE PFAS SUMMIT



Who:

The **Community-Based Collaborative PFAS Summit** is a pioneering event bringing together a diverse coalition of stakeholders including experts in science and technology, policy, law, medical and public health, as well as leaders in awareness, outreach, and education. Community-based organizations dedicated to the betterment of local lives and ecological protection will play a central role, alongside residents and public officials. The summit is proudly sponsored by Hugo Neu Corporation, among other dedicated partners committed to environmental health and safety and the vitality of our communities.



What:

This summit is dedicated to addressing the critical issue of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) exposure and its health risks. Through a comprehensive program of presentations, panel discussions, and knowledge-sharing led by subject matter experts, participants will explore the latest research, regulatory developments, legal strategies, public health responses, and community action plans related to PFAS. The goal is to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and drive actionable outcomes that will help in the identification, mitigation, and prevention of PFAS exposure in local communities.



When:

The summit is scheduled for **June 14th**, providing a full day of engaging activities, networking opportunities, and collaborative planning sessions.



Where:

Hosted at the prestigious **Stevens Institute of Technology campus in Hoboken, New Jersey**, the event offers an inspiring setting overlooking the Manhattan skyline. The venue's state-of-the-art facilities will facilitate an immersive learning and collaborative environment for all attendees.



Overview:

The **Community-Based Collaborative PFAS Summit** is uniquely positioned as a catalyst for transformative empowerment, action and protections for communities across diverse landscapes in the ongoing battle against PFAS contamination. Recognizing the intricate challenges posed by PFAS chemicals to both public health and the environment, the summit seeks to galvanize a comprehensive response from a wide spectrum of voices and expertise.

This event brings together leading experts in science and technology, policy, law, medical and public health, alongside champions in public awareness, outreach, and education. Central to the summit are community-based organizations dedicated to enhancing local lives and ecological conservation, complemented by the active participation of local stakeholders, academicians and public officials. Proudly sponsored by Hugo Neu Corporation among other valued partners, this summit underscores a collective commitment to addressing environmental health and safety concerns related to PFAS.



Participants will engage in a dynamic and comprehensive agenda, including:

- **Demystifying PFAS:**
Simplifying the science behind PFAS chemicals, their sources, and routes of exposure to make this information accessible and understandable to all community members, regardless of their scientific background.
- **State of Knowledge on PFAS Research:**
Overviews of the current understanding and recent advancements in PFAS research. This session aims to ground participants in the critical issues and innovative solutions related to PFAS contamination and its mitigation.
- **Medical Research and Tools for Improved Diagnosis and Treatment:**
Leading medical researchers and public health professionals will present the latest findings on the health impacts of PFAS exposure and discuss emerging tools for diagnosis and treatment.
- **Policy and Regulation:**
Providing updates and advocacy strategies on the evolving regulatory landscape at the federal, state, and local levels.
- **Legal Rights and Actions for Public Health Protection:**
Navigating the legal landscape surrounding PFAS. Experts in environmental law will outline the rights of individuals and communities affected by PFAS, alongside strategies for legal recourse and advocacy to enhance public health protections.
- **Scientific Innovations & Technological Advancements in Detection & Treatment:**
Showcasing the forefront of research and technological advancements for the detection, removal, and treatment of PFAS contamination.
- **Ecological Protection:**
Discussing strategies to protect water resources, wildlife, and natural habitats from PFAS's lasting effects.
- **Community Engagement and Action:**
Strategies for raising awareness and mobilizing effective community action. This session will highlight successful case studies and best practices for engaging communities in the fight against PFAS and safeguarding vulnerable populations.

Designed to be more than a forum for discussion, the summit seeks to ignite collective action and foster innovation. By bridging connections among community leaders, experts, activists, and policymakers, the summit endeavors to establish a strong network dedicated to minimizing PFAS exposure and promoting public health and environmental justice.



Community-Based Collaborative PFAS Summit Draft Agenda

9:00 AM | Registration and 9:30 AM | Continental Breakfast

An early start to a day full of insightful discussions and networking. Enjoy a continental breakfast and meet fellow attendees, speakers, and organizers.

9:30 AM | Welcome & Summit 10:00 AM | Overview

Welcome – Greg Townsend, Senior Director of Corporate, Government and Community Relations, Stevens Institute of Technology

Opening & Overview of Summit Co-Chairs:

- **Dr. Dibyendu “Dibs” Sarkar**, PhD, PG, Professor of Environmental Engineering, Founding Director, Stevens Center for Sustainability, Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering
- **Dominique Lueckenhoff**, EVP for Corporate Affairs, EHS & Sustainability, Hugo Neu

Acknowledgements and Overview of the day's goals, highlighting the importance of collective **community-oriented** efforts against PFAS contamination.

Opening Remarks

The Honorable Senator Cory Booker- Invited

10:00 AM | Featured Guest 11:00 AM | Speaker Keynote Address

Robert Bilott - “Environmental Law, Corporate Accountability, and PFAS Contamination”

An inspiring start with Robert Bilott, sharing his journey against PFAS contamination and the crucial role of environmental litigation and advocacy.

11:00 AM | Panel Discussion: 12:15 PM | Demystifying PFAS

Moderator: Dominique Lueckenhoff, Hugo Neu

This session aims to simplify the science of PFAS, discussing exposure routes and global impacts to make the information accessible to a wider audience.

Panelists:

- Bradley Campbell, President, Conservation Law Foundation
- Maria Lopez-Nuñez, Deputy Director, Ironbound Corporation, Member -White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Dr. Charles Glass, P.E., Executive Director, Maryland Environmental Services
- Robert W. Bowcock, Watermaster, PFAS Maine, Waterkeeper Alliance
- Michele Roberts, National Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Justice Health Alliance (EJHA), Whitehouse Environmental Justice Advisory Council

12:15 PM
1:15 PM

Lunch

12:45 PM
1:15 PM

Luncheon Keynote

"New Jersey's PFAS Journey" – Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Luncheon guest keynote presentation focusing on New Jersey's experiences and strategies in tackling PFAS challenges, highlighting lessons learned and paths forward.

1:15 PM
1:25 PM

BREAK

1:25 PM
2:00 PM

Panel Discussion:
Government Response
to PFAS

Moderator: Bradley Campbell, President, Conservation Law Foundation

Panelists: Representatives from Federal, State, and Local Environmental Agencies Delve into the evolving policy landscape surrounding PFAS, with insights into existing regulations and plans for community safeguarding.

Panelists

- Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner, NJ DEP
- Dorina Aliu, P.E, Chief, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Section, USEPA Region 2
- Kenneth Pantuck, Senior Environmental Scientist, Innovative Technologies Practice Leader & Biosolids Expert, USEPA Region 3
- Michelle Bouwman, LSRP, Principal, Verdantas
- Steve Dye, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Water Environment Federation- invited

2:00 PM
3:00 PM

Scientific Innovations
& Technological
Advancements Panel

Moderator: Dr. Dibs Sarkar

Panelists: Technologists, Researchers, Engineers

A deep dive into the latest scientific breakthroughs and technological solutions for detecting, removing, and treating PFAS contamination.

Panelists

- Dr. Rupali Datta, Professor of Biology, Michigan Technological University
- Dr. Silvana Andreescu, Endowed Chair in Chemistry and Professor of Bioanalytical Chemistry at Clarkson University
- Dr. Paul Hatzinger, Director of Biotechnology and Applications Group, APTIM
- Dr. Zhiming Zhang, Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering at Rowan
- Dominique Lueckenhoff, EVP for Corporate Affairs, EHS, and Sustainability, Hugo Neu, Environmental Scientist Practitioner, Research & Development

3:00 PM
3:10 PM

Refreshment Break

A moment to refresh, grab a coffee, and prepare for the next engaging sessions.

3:10 PM
4:10 PM

Environmental Justice & Community Engagement Session

3:15 PM
3:45 PM

Environmental Justice Panel

Moderator: Maria Lopez-Nuñez, Deputy Director, Organizing and Advocacy, Ironbound Corporation

Panelists: Community Representatives, Legal Experts, Environmentalists

Exploring the intersection of PFAS contamination with environmental justice, focusing on impacts, challenges, and protective measures for affected communities.

Panelists (Limit -3)

- Members – NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
- Michelle Roberts – National Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Justice Health Alliance (EJHA), White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Dr. Horace Strand, PA the Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB), Director, Stormwater Authority of Chester, PA

EJ Panel members remain to assist with the Community Engagement Session

3:45 PM
4:15 PM

Community Engagement Session

A dynamic session offering strategies for raising awareness, engaging communities, and mobilizing action against PFAS at the local level.

- Marc Yaggi, CEO, Waterkeeper Alliance
- Maria Lopez-Nunez, NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
- David Levine, Co-Founder & President, American Sustainable Business Network

4:15 PM
4:30 PM

Closing Remarks: Forging a Path Forward

Dominique Lueckenhoff asks speakers and panelists to share 2-minute final thoughts.

Robert Bilott, along with other speakers -Environmental Scientists, Community Activists, Policymakers

Final reflections on collaborative strategies, next steps, and the ongoing commitment required to address the PFAS challenge.

4:30 PM

Adjourn – Dr. Dibs Sarkar

4:30 PM
5:30 PM

Post-Summit Reception

Conclude the day with an opportunity for attendees to network, share insights, and discuss potential collaborations and future initiatives in a relaxed atmosphere.



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