

# Contaminants of Emerging Concern

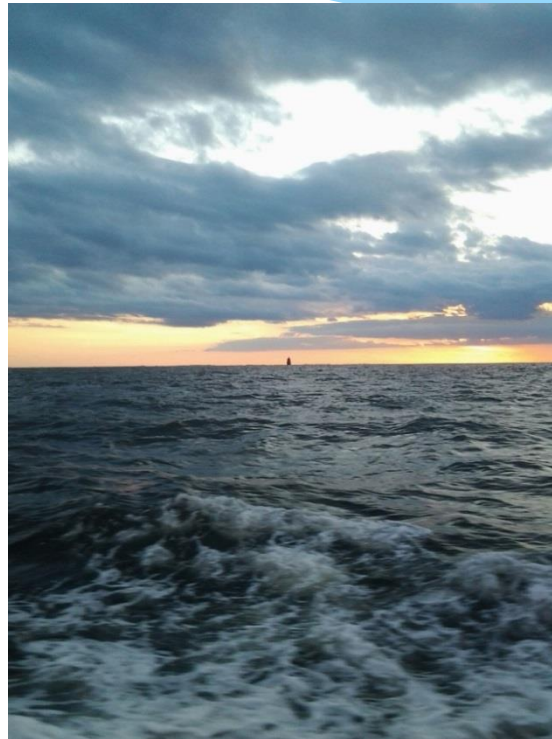
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# Objectives

- What are the occurrences and sources of Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC) in the Delaware River and Bay?
- What are the risks to designated uses in Delaware River and Bay from CEC?
- What actions can be identified to minimize CEC impacts in the Delaware River and Bay?

# Update

- DRBC CEC monitoring from 2004 to 2018 through pilot and special studies in surface water, fish, sediment and wastewater has generated a data set that has and can continue to prioritize future studies and actions.

CEC studied include PFAS, PPCP, hormones, and PBDE

<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/quality/reports/cecs.html>

# Lessons From Other CEC Strategies

- CEC in aquatic environments require very different monitoring tools than pollutants that are acutely toxic to aquatic life and humans.
- Chemical-specific approaches cannot efficiently monitor all emerging contaminants.
- CEC at low concentrations and in mixtures present challenges to water quality assessment.
- Integrate effects-based tools, passive sampling, non-targeted chemical analysis and traditional targeted chemical analysis in monitoring and prioritization of CEC.

# DRBC Seeking External Funds

## PACZM Proposal Submitted

PFAS in Surface water, Sediment and Fish in the  
Pennsylvania Coastal Zone

\* Oct 2020 (18 months)



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# How can MACC Help?

- With DRBC Toxics Advisory Committee (TAC) help coordinate with basin states and stakeholders.
- What CEC data are state agencies and others collecting in Delaware River?
- Advice on CEC monitoring for PFAS, PPCP, hormones, and PBDE in surface water, fish tissue, sediment and wastewater.
- Identify new CEC for which no Delaware River and Bay occurrence data yet exist.
- Collaborate on seeking external funds.



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