

Socioeconomic Costs of PFAS Contamination —A Global Issue of Our Time

IPEN has convened an international panel of independent experts from the fields of fire safety, chemistry, policy, and remediation to present at this side event. The panel also offers the third in a series of papers about PFAS chemicals: sources of contamination, implications for public and occupational health, safe alternatives, and remediation.

Time: Wednesday, 2nd October
12:45-13:45

Location: Philippines Room

Organized by: IPEN

Food will be provided



A farmer in Colombia applying sulfiramid.
Photo: Plácido Silva, COLNODO, 2019

Program Overview

- Introduction: **Pamela Miller, IPEN Co-Chair**
- The general problem of ongoing contamination with PFHxS, PFOS, PFOA & other perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
Roger A Klein, Christian Regenhard Center for Emergency Response Studies, CUNY New York and Cambridge UK
- PFHxS contamination and the Precautionary Principle
Nigel Holmes, DES Queensland Government Australia
- Remediating drinking water contaminated with PFHxS
Martin Cornelsen, Cornelsen Umwelttechnologie, Essen, Germany
- PFAS - a global risk for firefighters
Commander Mick Tisbury, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), Victoria Australia
- Concluding remarks: Socio-economic Impacts of continuing PFAS contamination: a global issue of our time
Roger A Klein, Christian Regenhard Center for Emergency Response Studies, CUNY New York and Cambridge UK
- Open Discussion

