

An integrated approach for the effective management of water pollution risks from emerging contaminants



Perfluorinated compounds  
HOListic ENVIRONMENTAL  
Interinstitutional eXperience



Preventing, Ensuring, Promoting

# LIFE PHOENIX Project

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# Environmental distribution and monitoring of new alternative PFAS in contaminated sites

*new compounds – old problems*

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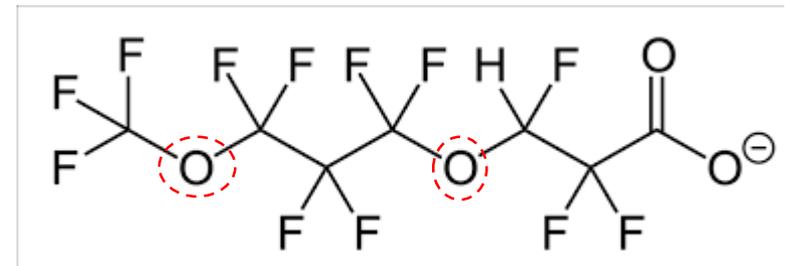
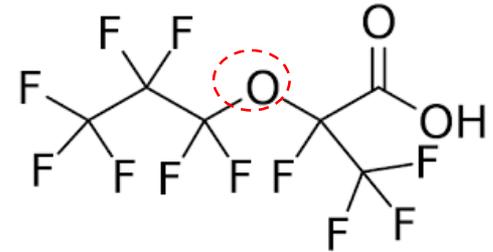
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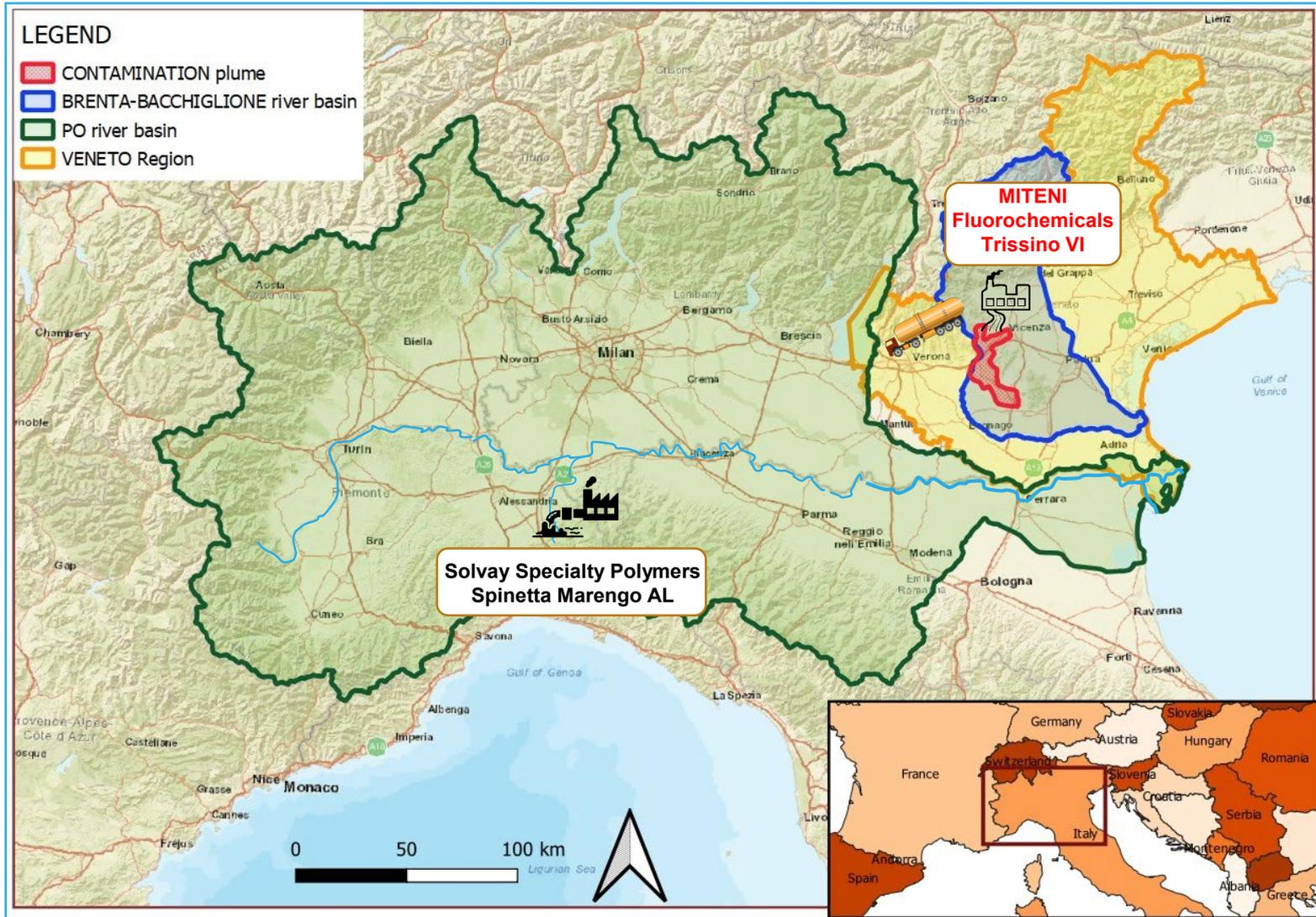
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# PFAS alternative in fluoropolymer manufacture

- ADONA from 3M/Dyneon
- GenX from (Chemours) DuPont
- cyclic or polymeric functionalized PFPEs from Solvay for its PTFE and PVDF manufacture
- EEA from Asahi
- APFHx from Daikin
- 6:2 FTCA from Chinese company

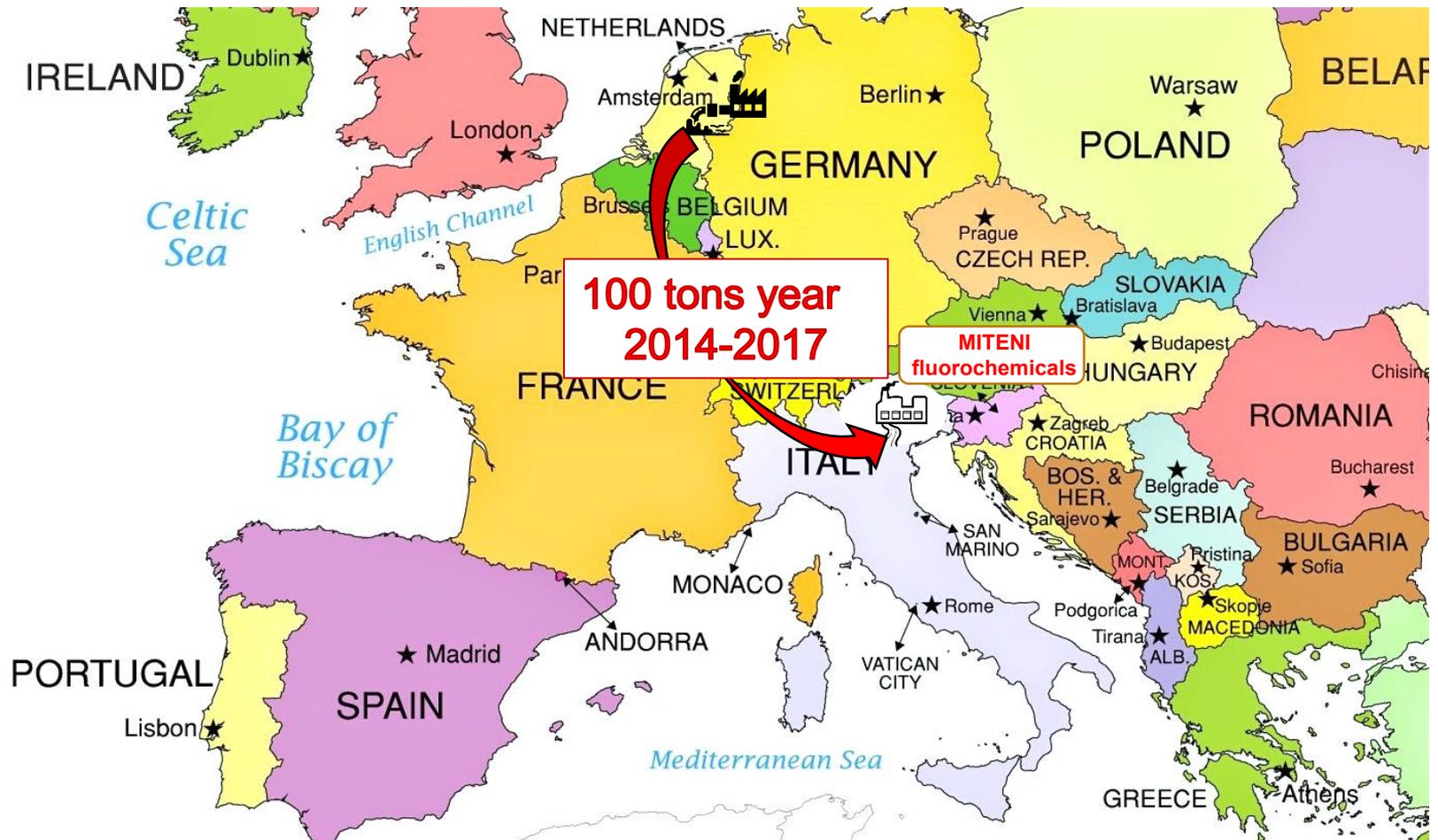


# Monitoring of PFOA alternatives in Italy



# GenX

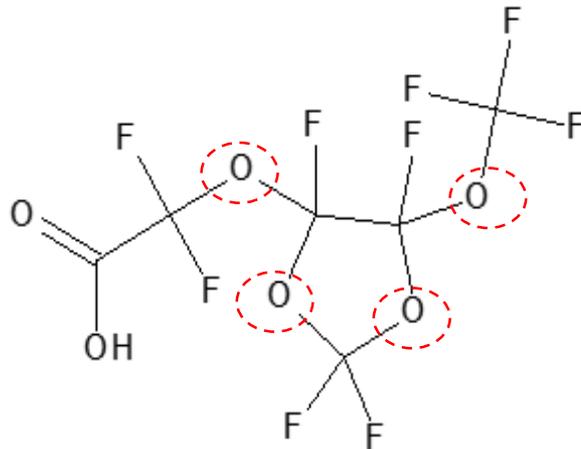
## Chemours in Dordrecht (NL)



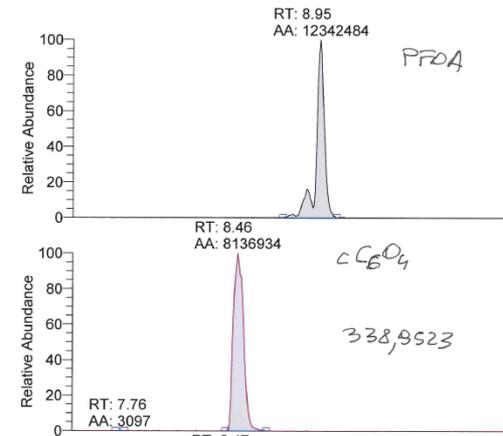
# C6O4 (F-Dioxin)

P5MeODIOXOAc: Perfluoro([5-methoxy-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]oxy)acetic acid

Solavy Miteni PPA  
CAS # 1190931-41-9  
name cC6O4

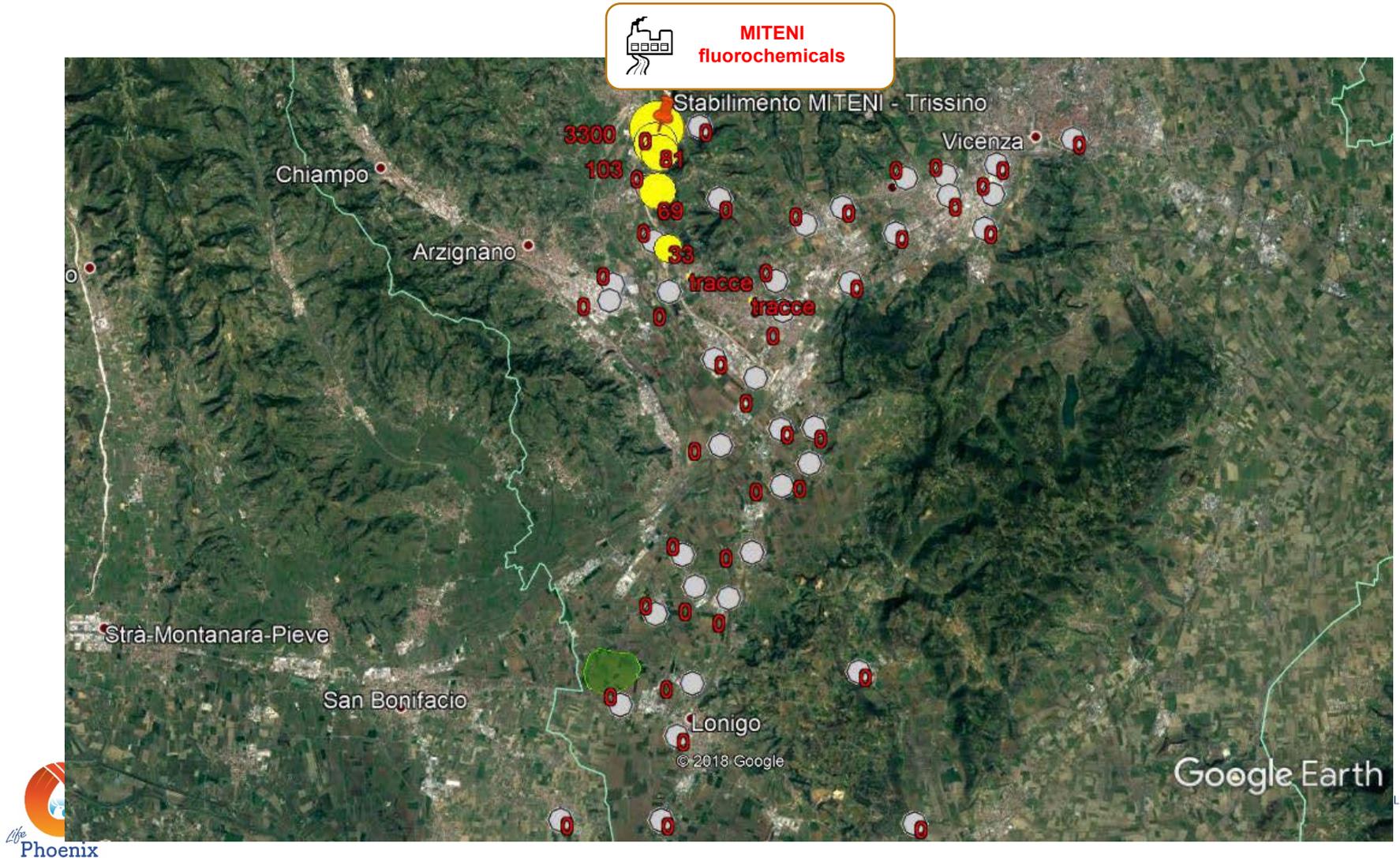


Molecular Formula: C<sub>6</sub>HF<sub>9</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  
Monoisotopic Mass: 339.962942 Da  
[M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 338.955665 Da

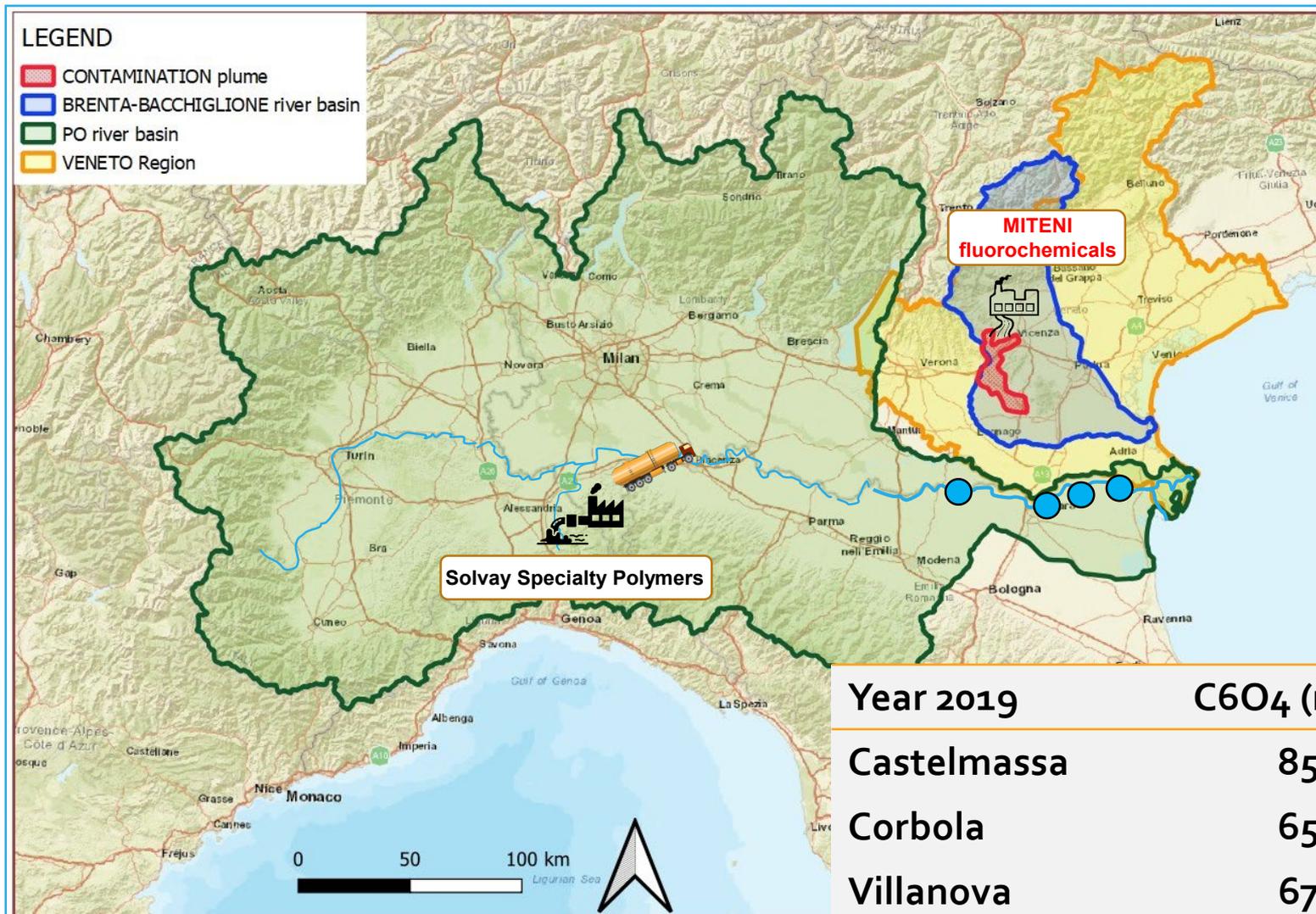


*“According to the applicant, the substance cC6O4, ammonium salt, is used as an **emulsifier/dispersing agent** during the polymerization process of fluoropolymers such as **tetrafluoroethylene** homopolymer and others.”*

# Monitoring of C6O4 in Miteni's polluted groundwater



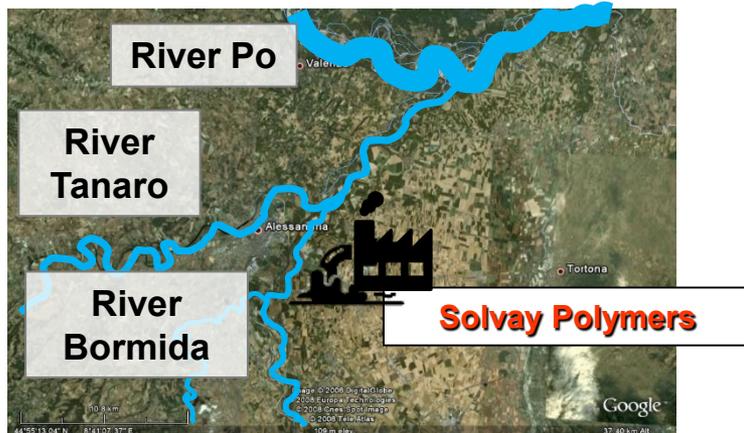
# Monitoring of C6O4



# C6O4 source

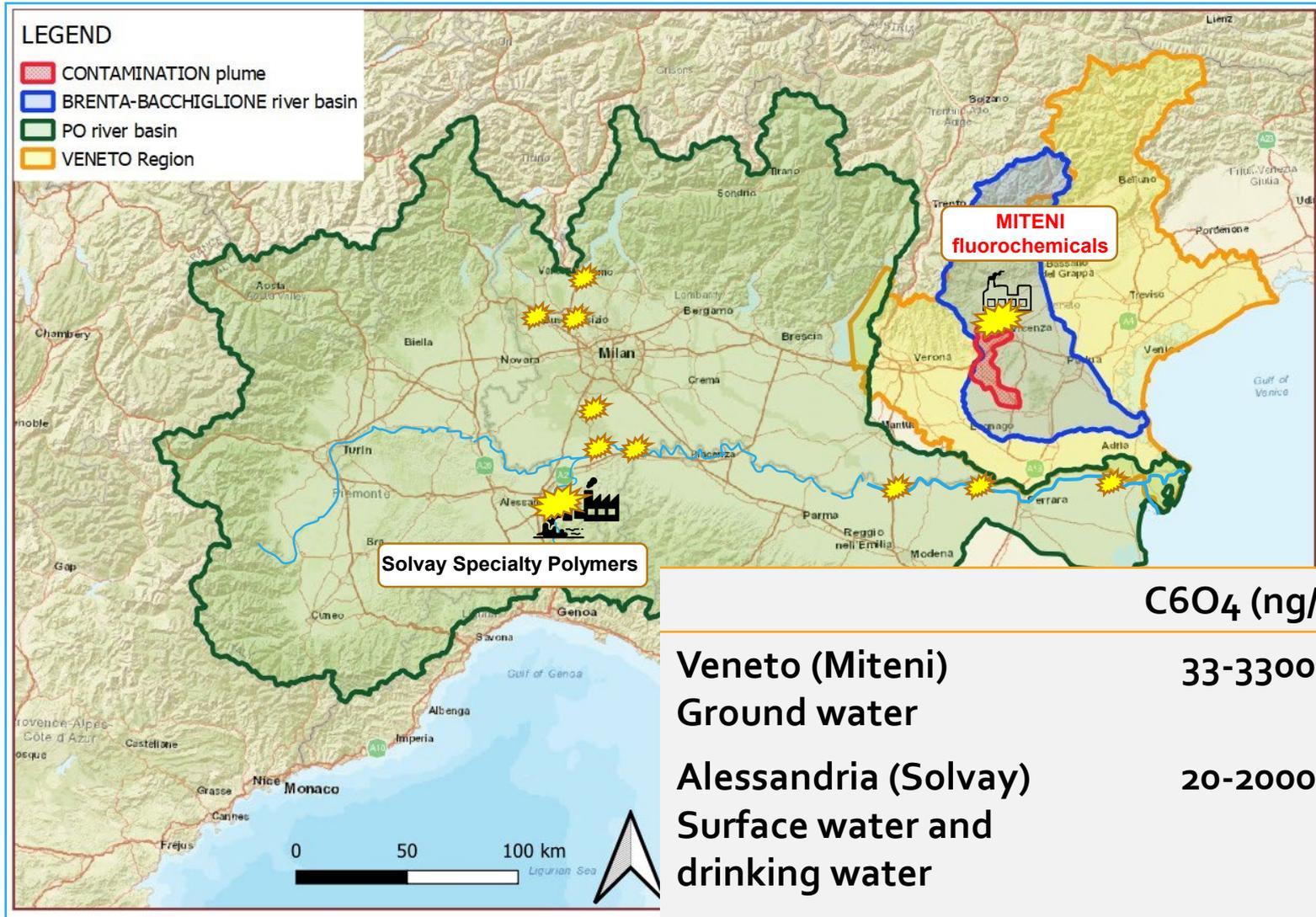
Solvay discharge: 50-150  $\mu\text{g/L}$  C6O4

C6O4 is the substitute of PFOA that Solvay has been using for PTFE production in Italy



Year 2020	C6O4 (ng/L)
Bormida	806
Tanaro	233
Po	88

# C6O4 environmental distribution



# C6O4 bioaccumulation in clam (*Ruditapes philippinarum*)

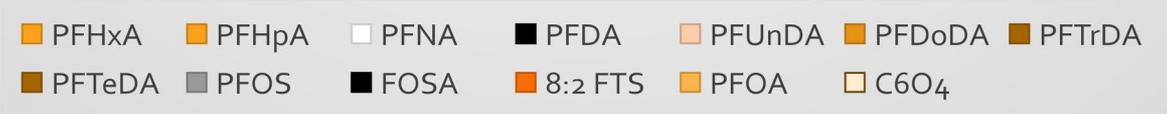
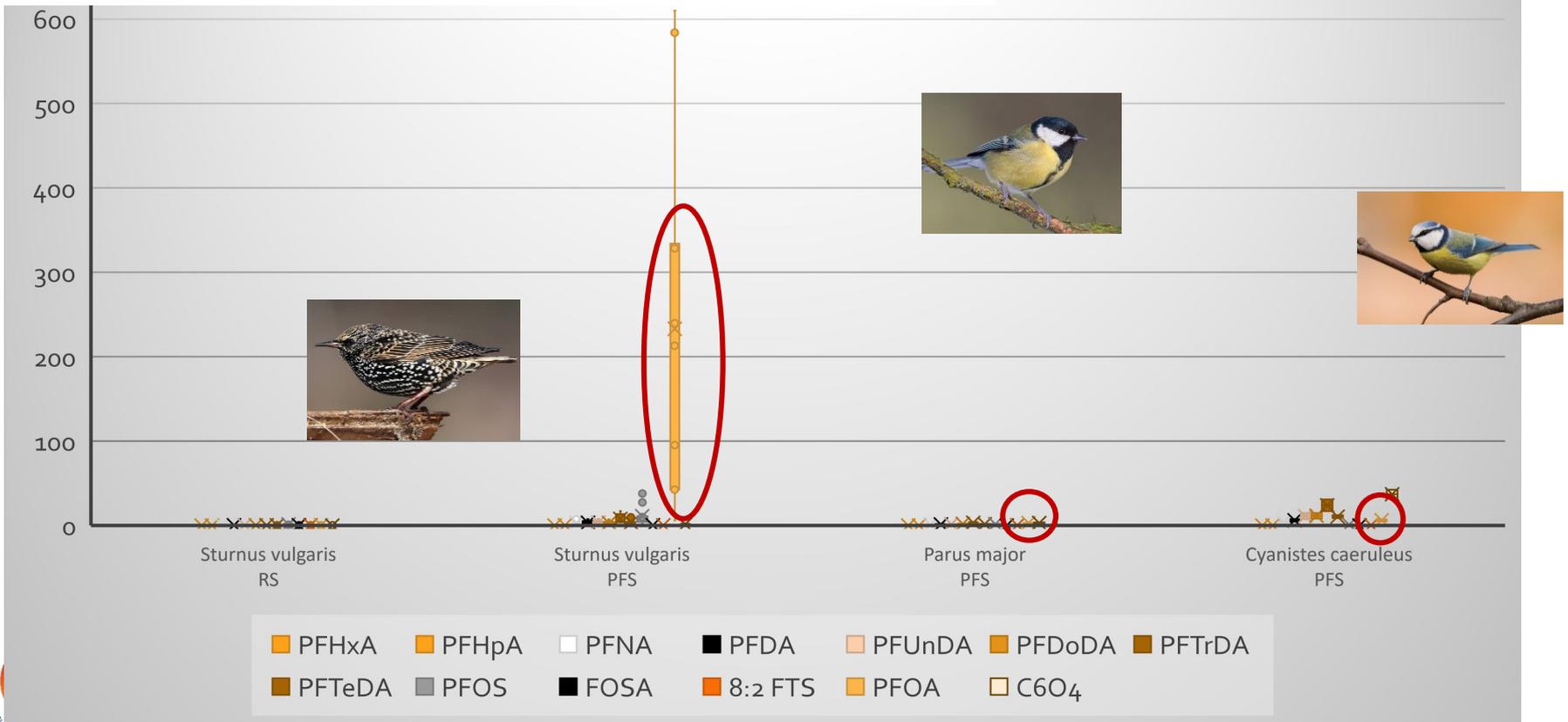
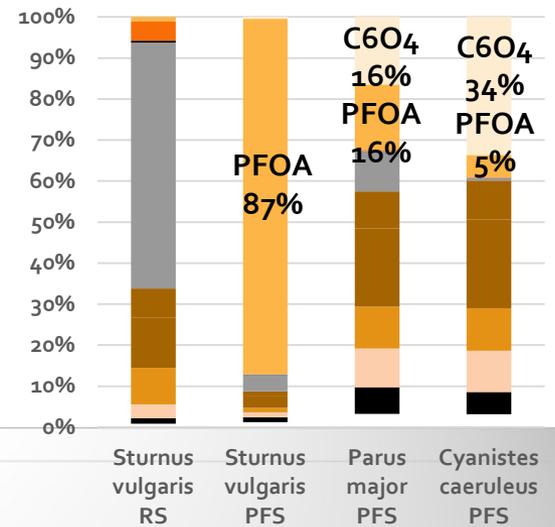


Clam soft tissue	Water concentration $\mu\text{g/L}$	Bioaccumulation Factor (L/kg)	Bioaccumulation Factor (Log ) (L/kg)
C6O <sub>4</sub>	1.01 $\pm$ 0.07	<b>21</b>	<b>1.3</b>
PFOA	0.93 $\pm$ 0.31	<b>119</b>	<b>2.1</b>

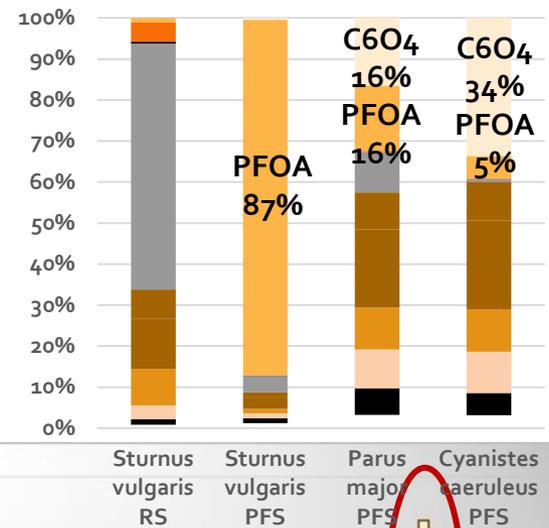
Bernardini *et al.*, The new PFAS C6O<sub>4</sub> and its effects on marine invertebrate : first evidence of transcriptional and microbiota changes in the Manila clam *Ruditapes philippinarum* .  
*Environmental International*, accepted

# PFOA bioaccumulation in eggs of wild birds around Solvay site

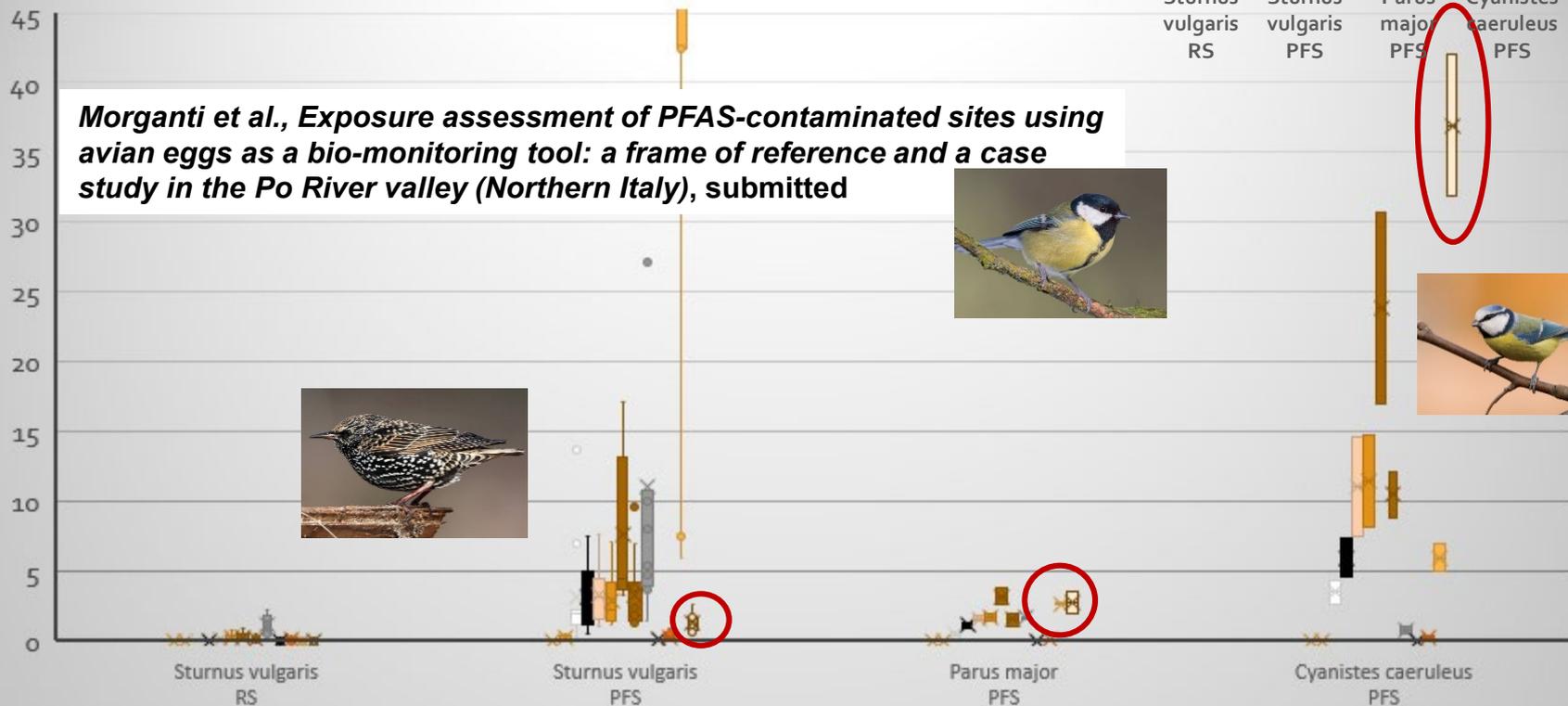
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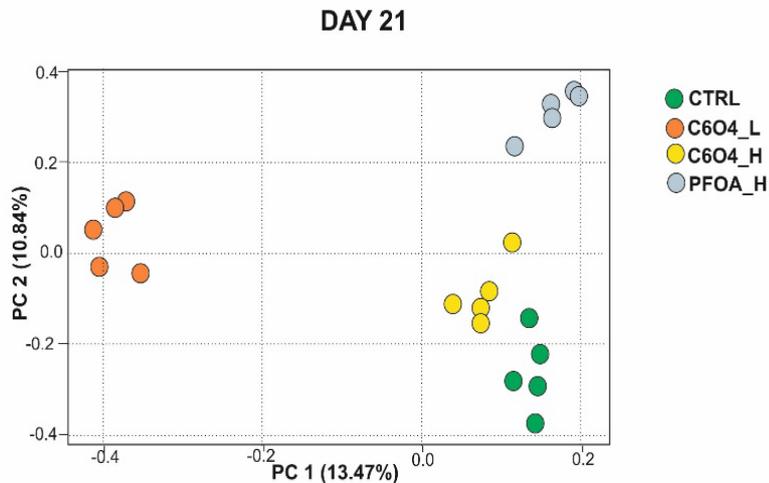
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# C6O4 effects in clam (*Ruditapes philippinarum*)



Bernardini *et al.*, The new PFAS C6O<sub>4</sub> and its effects on marine invertebrate : first evidence of transcriptional and microbiota changes in the Manila clam *Ruditapes philippinarum* . *Environmental International*, accepted

- **significant perturbations** to the digestive gland microbiota likely determining the impairment of host physiological homeostasis
- **several alterations of the gene expression profiling**. A large part of the altered pathways, including immune response, apoptosis regulation, nervous system development, lipid metabolism and cell membrane metabolism are **the same in C6O<sub>4</sub> and PFOA exposed clams**.
- dose-dependent responses as well as possible **narcotic or neurotoxic** effects and reduced activation of genes involved in **xenobiotic metabolism**.

# Product Discontinuation Announcement

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January 27, 2021

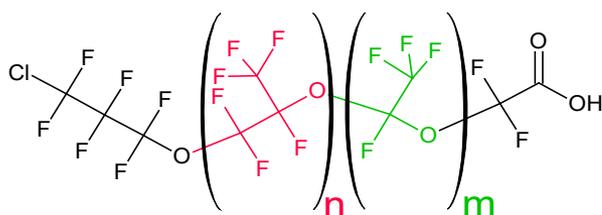
Dear Valued Customer,

We apologize for the extended back-order that has been applied to our P5MeODIOXOAc product and regret to inform you that we are now discontinuing this product permanently. Wellington was notified in July of 2020 that the sale of our P5MeODIOXOAc standard for environmental testing and research (also known as C6O4, CAS 1190931-41-9) constituted an infringement of Solvay's patent rights. We were hoping to negotiate an

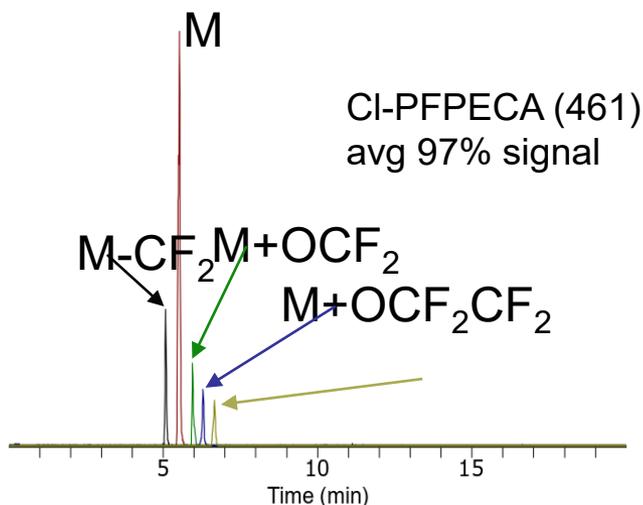
# Chloro perfluoro polyether carboxylic acids CI-PFPECAs(n,m)

Solvay  
CAS 329238-24-6

Monoisotopic Mass (Da)



propyl, ethyl



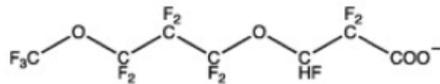
CI-PFPECA (461)  
avg 97% signal

Solvay 1,1		577.9225
Solvay 1,0		461.9340
Solvay 0,1		411.9372
Solvay 2,0		627.9193
Solvay 0,2		527.9257

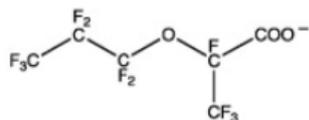
# Cl-PFPECA(n,m)

## Fluoropolymer manufacture

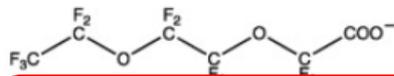
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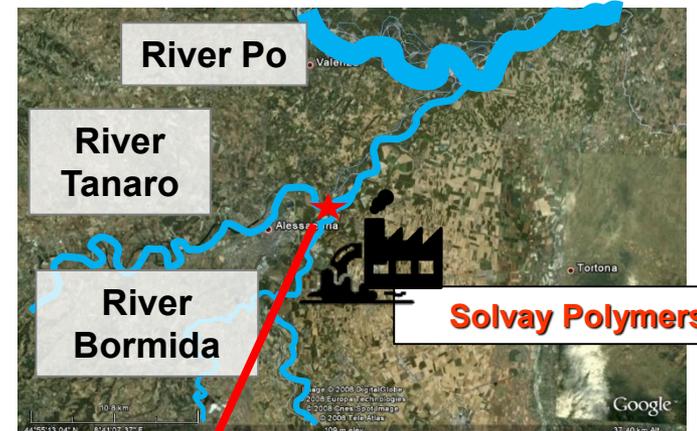
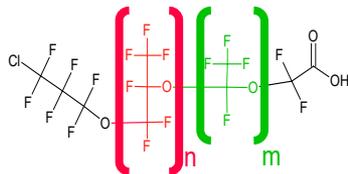
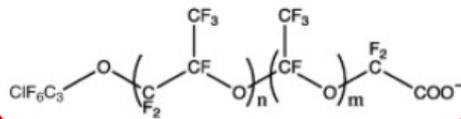
GenX (CAS No. 62037-80-3)



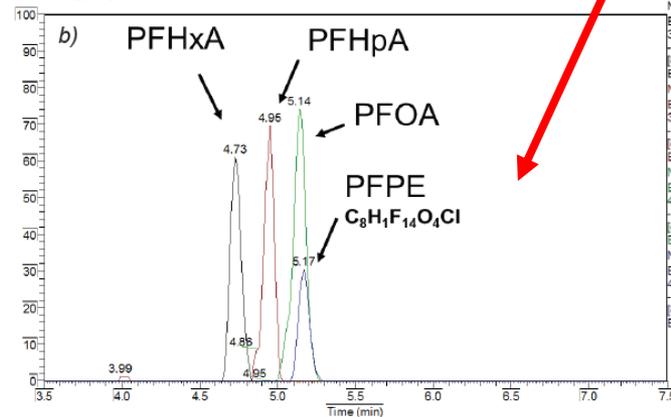
Asahi's product (CAS No. 908020-52-0)



Solvay's product (CAS No. 329238-24-6)



RT: 3.60 - 7.50 | SM: 7B



NL: 4.54E5  
 Base Peak m/z= 312.96-312.98 F: FTMS  
 -p ESI Full ms  
 [80.00-800.00] MS  
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 [80.00-800.00] MS  
 B\_10

Wang, Z., et al. (2013). Environ. Int. **60**: 242.

Mazzoni et al. 2015. *Norman Bulletin Issue 4*

Surface and well samples collected prior any home treatment.

Congeners also detected in regional soil and plant samples

# CI-PFPECA(n,m)

USA environmental monitoring

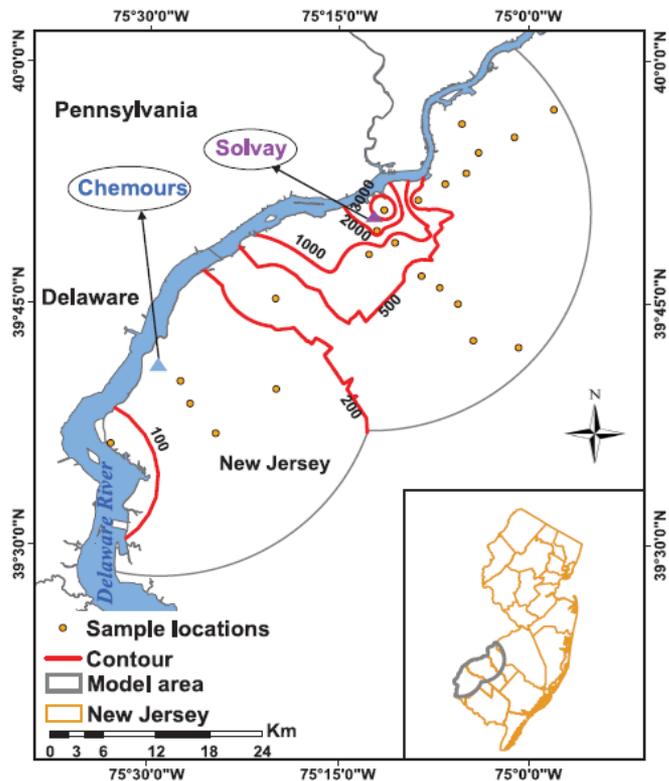


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Letter

## Emerging Chlorinated Polyfluorinated Polyether Compounds Impacting the Waters of Southwestern New Jersey Identified by Use of Nontargeted Analysis

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## Nontargeted mass-spectral detection of chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates in New Jersey soils

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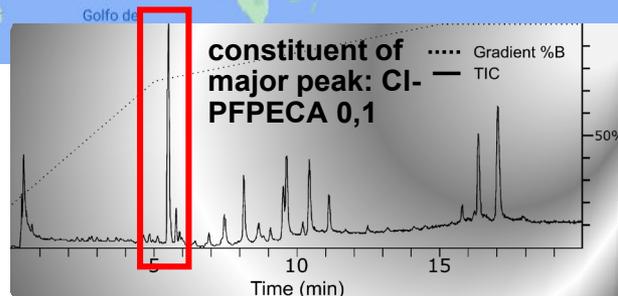


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# CI-PFPECA(n,m)

The site in NJ employs fluorinated gases, 142b and VF2. It also produces polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), a semi-crystalline engineering thermoplastic and Tecnoflon, which is a fluorinated elastomer.

**Solvay Specialty  
Polymers  
West Deptford (NJ)**



**Solvay Specialty Polymers**

The Intercept



## SOLVAY WITHHOLDS DATA ABOUT TOXIC PFAS POLLUTION IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has sued Solvay Specialty Polymers over its refusal to release secret studies of its PFAS chemicals.



Sharon Lezner

November 17 2020, 2:39 p.m.

# Cl-PFPECA(n,m)



## Preliminary analyses 2020 LC-MS/MS

µg/L	year	PFOA	C6O <sub>4</sub>	Cl- PFPECA 1,0*	Cl- PFPECA 0,1*	Cl- PFPECA 2,0*	Cl- PFPECA 1,1*	Cl- PFPECA 0,2*
River Upstream	2020	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
SOLVAY's discharge	2020	2.9	141	2.8	496	20	55	142
River Downstream	2020	0.01	0.81	0.03	1.94	0.01	0.21	0.42

\* Concentration estimated by cC6O4 calibration

# CI-PFPECA(n,m)

## Retrospective analysis of samples: GW

Groundwater below  
Solvay Site Plant  
(first layer)  
µg/L

year	PFOA	C6O4	CI- PFPECA 1,0*	CI- PFPECA 0,1*	CI- PFPECA 2,0*	CI- PFPECA 1,1*	CI- PFPECA 0,2*	
<b>PZA-1</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>38-83</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-3</b>
<b>PZB-1</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>40-87</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-3</b>
<b>PZB-2</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>nd</b>	<b>25- 52</b>	<b>nd</b>	<b>nd</b>	<b>nd</b>

\* Concentration estimated by C6O4 calibration

