

# EPA identifies more than 750 Oregon sites that could expose people to 'forever chemicals'

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified about 120,000 locations around the country, including more than 750 in Oregon, where people may be exposed to PFAS, the so-called "forever chemicals."

Every Oregon county is represented on the list of facilities that may be using the chemicals, which are associated with a variety of health problems.

There are 43 such facilities listed in Marion and Polk counties, including in Salem, Aumsville, [Aurora](#), Brooks, Dallas, Hubbard, Idanha, Independence, Jefferson, Silverton, Stayton and Woodburn.



An aerial view of the Salem airport during a flight on the Farmers Airship Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010. *Statesman Journal File*

The list was obtained from the EPA by the non-profit [Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility](#), which received it in response to a Freedom of Information request. The group posted the list on its website on Monday.

PFAS, or per- and poly-fluorinated substances, are a family of chemicals used since the 1940s for their heat-, moisture-, grease- and stain-resistance, as well as non-stick quality. They're found in everyday items such as non-stick pans, waterproof outerwear, food packaging and firefighting foam.

They are referred to as "forever chemicals" because they don't break down in the environment or human body, and can accumulate over time. They aren't subject to federal or state regulations, but growing evidence points to their adverse health effects, including some cancers.

Last week, the Statesman Journal reported that Oregon officials plan to test 150 drinking water systems around the state for PFAS contamination, using an EPA grant. It will begin this month with sites in north Marion County, west Clackamas county and south Washington county.

The state Department of Environmental Quality said testing locations were chosen because of their proximity to known or suspected PFAS use or contamination sites.

DEQ spokesman Harry Esteve said Oregon does not keep a list or map of those sites, but it does have a geodatabase that is not easily accessed containing the information.

The EPA's list shows that in Oregon, as well as nationwide, the sites are associated with landfills and waste incinerators, airports, military sites and fire-training facilities.

They include the Covanta Marion incinerator in Brooks and its ash disposal site in Woodburn; the Salem and Aurora airports; and the Oregon Military Department in Salem.

Other Oregon industries on the list include manufacturers of cement, chemicals and cleaning products, electronics, furniture and carpets, glass products, metal machinery, paints, petroleum and plastics, as well as metal coating, printing and paper mills.

On Monday, EPA Administrator Michael Regan announced the agency's nationwide "PFAS Roadmap." It lays out a number of actions, including:

- Timelines to set enforceable PFAS limits in drinking water
- A hazardous substance designation under CERCLA, also known as Superfund, to strengthen the ability to hold polluters financially accountable
- Increased monitoring, data collection and research so EPA can identify actions needed and when to take them

"For far too long, families across America — especially those in underserved communities — have suffered from PFAS in their water, their air or in the land their children play on," Regan said in a news release..

## Local facilities that may be using PFFAS chemicals

**Here are the Marion and Polk county facilities on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of facilities that may be using PFAS chemicals:**

- 20 10 Products Inc, [3049 Industrial Way NE, Salem](#)
- Capital Chrome, [1512 Hickory St. NE, Salem](#)
- Crusin Classics, [2659 Dallas Highway NW, Salem](#)
- Ektron Industries Inc., [2625 Claxter Road NE, Salem](#)
- Ennis Paint, [1675 Commercial St. NE, Salem](#)
- Febco Printed Circuits Inc., [2482 Claxter Road NE, Salem](#)

- Nielsen Manufacturing Inc, [3501 Portland Road, Salem](#)
- Oregon Aero, [3200 Del Webb Ave. NE, Salem](#)
- [Oregon Army National Guard Salem, 2891-2801 Ryan Drive SE, Salem](#)
- [Oregon Health Licensing Office, 1430 Tandem Ave. NE #180, Salem](#)
- Oregon Military Department-Arc, 3222 State St., Salem
- [Oregon Military Department-Salem FMS, 2776 Militia Way SE, Salem](#)
- Salem Airport Crash Fire Training [Unit, 4375 25th Ave. NE, Salem](#)
- Salem Municipal Airport, [2315 25th St. SE, Salem](#)
- Sumco USA North Campus Site, [1355 Tandem Ave. NE, Salem](#)
- Sumco USA South Campus Site, [3950 Fairview Industrial Drive SE #240, Salem](#)
- Unocal, [4160 Portland Road NE, Salem](#)
- Akzo Nobel Coatings, [1660 Cross St. SE, Salem](#)
- Battech Enterprises LLC, [2738 19th St SE, Salem](#)
- Garmin International, [2410 Turner Road SE, Salem](#)
- [Marion County Solid Waste Management, 3054 Faragate St. S, Salem](#)
- Army Aviation Support Facility, Turner Rd. SE, Salem
- SQG Specialists Inc., [1224 14th St. SE, Salem](#)
- Zinc Plating and Galvanizing, [1512 McGilchrist St. SE, Salem](#)
- Panasonic Eco Solutions Solar [America, 5425 Gaffin Road SE, Salem](#)
- Valley Recycling & Disposal, Inc., [2515 Salem Dallas Highway NW, Salem](#)
- Ektron Industries Liquid and Powder Coating, [9610 Mill Creek Road SE, Aumsville](#)
- [Aurora State Airport, 21823 Airport Road NE, Aurora](#)
- Covanta Marion Energy Recovery Facility, [4850 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks](#)
- American Gas and Technology, [1199 SE Monmouth Cutoff Road, Dallas](#)
- Twentieth Century Forge, [2852 Industrial Ave., Hubbard](#)
- McCoy Creek Landfill, Idanha
- Independence State Airport, [4709 Airport Road, Independence](#)
- Mt. Jefferson Woolens, [1827 Talbot Road SE, Jefferson](#)
- Browns Island Demolition Landfill, [11364 Evergreen Road NE, Silverton](#)
- Salem Airport Disposal Site, [11364 Evergreen Road NE, Silverton](#)
- Jeld-Wen, Inc., [895 Rogue Ave., Stayton](#)
- [Willamette Valley Lumber, 1620 Wilco Road, Stayton](#)
- Grating Pacific LLC, [2895 Progress Way, Woodburn](#)
- North Marion County Disposal (Ash Monofill), Whitney Lane NE, Woodburn
- North Marion County Disposal Facility, [17146 Edwin Road NE, Woodburn](#)
- Specialty Polymers, [2475 Progress Way, Woodburn](#)
- [West Coast Spas, 13201 Wilco Highway, Woodburn](#)