

**Question for written answer E-003390/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: PFAS pollution

On 11 June 2021, NRC Handelsblad¹ reported on the damage caused by PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) pollution and the problems it creates in river deltas. The Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) has released a new opinion on the limit values for PFAS which departs from the European Food Safety Authority's position. Large, densely populated parts of Europe are in a similar situation to the Netherlands, where PFAS and PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) pollution is posing a significant risk to health. Dutch toxicologists are calling for an EU policy to address PFAS pollution at source.

1. Can the Commission outline the current measures the EU is taking to tackle PFAS pollution at source, and will it state where the problem is most serious?
2. Will the Commission engage with the companies responsible in an effort to reduce groundwater pollution, and will an EU approach designed to tackle PFAS pollution at source be an explicit part of the Zero Pollution Action Plan?
3. What does the Commission make of calls by toxicologists for a new EU policy to tackle PFAS pollution at source? Does it intend to ask the EFSA to carry out new research into PFAS and PFOA limit values, in the light of the RIVM's findings?

¹ https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2021/06/11/pfas-schadelijk-en-niet-kapot-te-krijgen-a4046960?utm_source=SIM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nrcduurzaam&utm_content=&utm_term=20210615