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To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about oil and PFAS chemicals. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both chemicals are very persistent in the environment and in the human body – meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

PFAS is a highly persistent toxic chemical in firefighting foam and that contamination has been high in areas where it is stored. I am curious about PFAS contamination at the US Oil refinery and believe it must be part of the NPDES permit renewal.

Thank you for your work.

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