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Testing for PFAS is not a "new" thing for the Department of Ecology Their PBT Monitoring Program has been using AXYS Ltd. lab for testing a range of materials for PFAS. They published information showing that wastewater treatment plant effluent is a major source of PFAS pollution in Washington state. Our state's lakes, fish, even bird eggs are contaminated. "Survey of Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Rivers and Lakes – 2016."

To back up the Department of Ecology claims that domestic discharges from homes – not industries - are the major sources of PFAS released to wastewater plants the Biosolids Program require industries to test their wastewater right now using the AXYS Ltd. lab, their test methods and protocols. Their biosolids should be tested also. AXYS testing is reliable for biosolids because it uses an isotope-dilution method to measure sample extraction recoveries.

Similarly Ecology itself could require that WWTPs that receive industrial wastewaters to sample their effluent for PFAS