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Planning

## PFAS Developing Targets & Quality Standards

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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### Scope

### Reference

P-38503

### Description

PFAS Developing Targets & Quality Standards: Assessing the hazard of selected per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and deriving interim thresholds for the water environment. This project, to be completed by February 2026, will review the readily available hazard data for several specific PFAS, required to derive thresholds for human health via consumption of fish and for the protection of aquatic life. Where sufficient relevant and reliable data is available for each of the individual PFAS considered, this will be used to derive interim thresholds for these specific PFAS using the approach outlined in the EQS (Environmental Quality Standards) guidance (EC, 2018 - Guidance No 27 - Deriving Environmental Quality Standards - version 2018.pdf). In the absence of an EQS for these substances, these interim thresholds will be used by the Environment Agency (EA) to contextualise the concentrations of these substances detected from surface water monitoring and present in discharges to water environment to help understand the potential risk associated with the concentrations detected. To enable written early market

engagement on PFAS Developing Targets & Quality Standards. For further information, please contact [jemma.godleman@defra.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.godleman@defra.gov.uk) for the specification and market engagement questionnaire.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £50,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 15 September 2025 to 28 November 2025
- Possible extension to 27 February 2026
- 5 months, 13 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 73110000 - Research services

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## Engagement

### Engagement deadline

6 August 2025

### Engagement process description

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 August 2025

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## Contracting authority

### ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@defra.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@defra.gov.uk)

Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra Group Commercial are managing the procurement.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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## Contact organisation

Contact [ENVIRONMENT AGENCY](#) for any enquiries.