

UW-Eau Claire: ‘Thursdays at the U’ to focus on sources, health effects and remediation of PFA substances

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Kay Curtin, a wastewater technician and trainer for the Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA), will present “‘Forever Chemicals’: Sources, Health Effects and Remediation” on April 14 for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire – Barron County “[Thursdays at the U](#)” lecture. The presentation will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234, Ritzinger Hall) on the Rice Lake campus.

Curtin works with villages, townships and cities that have per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFA) contamination of wells. Her presentation will cover background on the development of and pollution by PFA substances, their effects on human health and the environment, areas of contamination in Wisconsin and what we need to do to remediate the situation.

Curtin has worked in the environmental science industry most of her life. After completing a paper in high school about an entire village near her hometown that was destroyed by cholera and seeing rivers and lakes in Illinois destroyed by fecal matter, runoff and industrial waste prior to the Clean Water Act, she felt a calling to be part of the change.

She has received numerous awards from professional organizations and has served on the Barron County Board of Supervisors and the Tainter Lake board of directors.

The “Thursdays at the U” weekly series is free and open to the public thanks to support from the UW-Eau Claire – Barron County Foundation. Neither seating reservations nor parking permits are needed for campus guests. [Masks are encouraged but not required](#) on UW-Eau Claire campuses, including UW-Eau Claire – Barron County.

For more information about the series, call the campus at 715-788-6244 or email Dr. Linda Tollefsrud, the series organizer, at tollefla@uwec.edu.

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