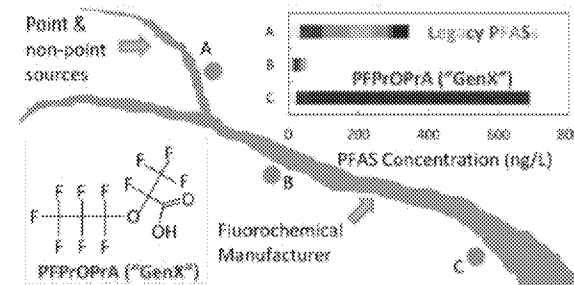


Perspective on R4 / NC DEQ Partnership



- **Consistent with Cooperative Federalism**
 - ECOS: “. . . to understand how best to respond to complex environmental pollution challenges, to respond to emerging pollutants, to incorporate modern technologies . . .”
 - EPA’s new Strategic Plan Goal 2: supporting the primary implementers of environmental programs—states and tribes “to create tangible environmental results for the American people.”
- **Serves as model for NJ, NH, ME, R1, R2 . . .**
- **Built on history of research internationally recognized and nationally relevant**
- **Non-Targeted Analysis (NTA) – key unique capability to assist states**
- **Challenging question / issues of communication and decision in face of uncertainty**