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Meeting with AGC on PFAS

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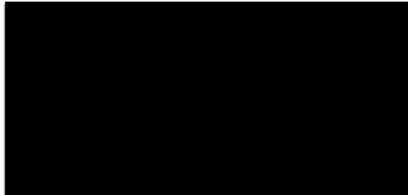
Minutes

Participants:

European Commission

GROW: Kristin Schreiber, [REDACTED]

AGC:



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AGC introduced the business activities of their company in the EU. AGC Chemicals accounts for approximately 28% of AGC's total business, with divisions on essential chemicals and on performance chemicals. Hydrogen business is a core area for AGC, a new facility in Japan will be build in 2026. In addition to the membrane products, fluoropolymer products are widely used in hydrogen production processes.

AGC never used PFOS and PHxS in its manufacturing process, the use of PFOA has been ceased by the end of 2015. AGC informed the Commission on the initiatives they launched to recycle fluorine related materials from process waste and used materials.

The Commission thanked AGC for the clear presentation and welcomed the initiatives as presented. The Commission explained their current role as observer in the restriction process. The Commission will ensure that derogations will be introduced for critical uses where no alternatives are currently available.

Together with METI (Japan), the Commission will organize a workshop on PFAS by the end of October.