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## ***CIRI's PFAS Exposure Research is Underway***

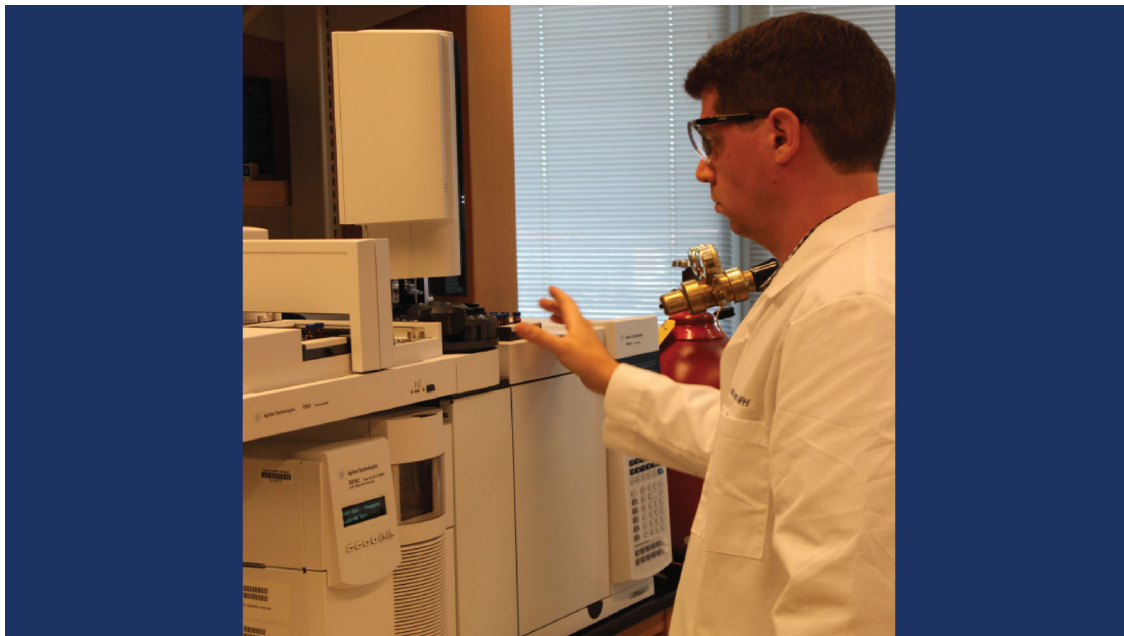
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[Chemical Insights Research Institute](#) (CIRI) of [UL Research Institutes](#) recently [announced](#) their per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) research with [Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health](#) with the objective of studying human exposure pathways resulting from the use of textiles containing PFAS. Initial data has revealed that about half of the consumer and upholstery materials selected for the study did contain various PFAS chemicals. Primary PFAS detected included perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The next step in the research will be to determine if people are exposed to the PFAS in the materials and which exposure routes such as ingestion, dermal transfer, or inhalation are involved.

To learn more about PFAS, view CIRI's two new educational videos:

- [What are PFAS?](#) explains why the properties that make PFAS attractive (thermal stability, durability, and surfactant ability) also contribute to their potential exposure and human health risks.
- [PFAS Research](#) outlines CIRI's research plan on consumer and occupational wearables and cover textiles for indoor furnishings.

Visit the expanded [PFAS research website page](#) to learn how these chemicals affect human health.



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