



PFAS risk assessment strategy for municipalities

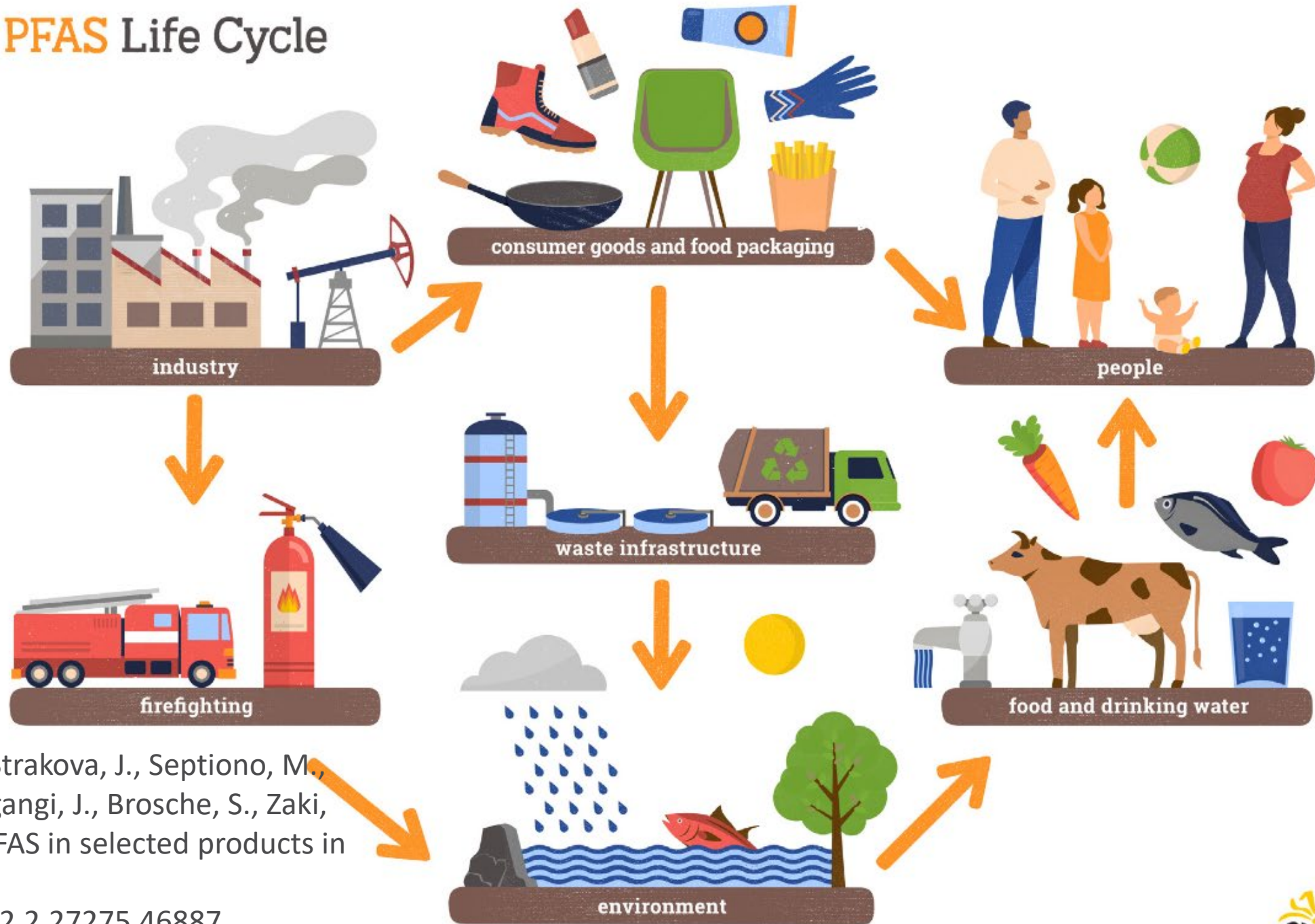
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PFAS Life Cycle



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PFAS risk-assessment plan for local authorities

Tested with
18 municipalities
in the Baltic Sea
Region

- The project activities include developing a **PFAS risk assessment approach**. EMPEREST will co-develop **tailor-made tools and guidance** for local authorities enabling them to identify and assess PFAS-related risks and propose relevant risk mitigation strategies.
- Engaging in this work, the local authorities in the Baltic Sea Region will expand their understanding of the environmental risks posed by PFAS and will be able to **uptake and localise practical approach and functional tools** to manage the potential impact of PFAS entering the environment.
- The PFAS risk assessment framework validated within the project will be a basis to at least **5 local PFAS risk assessment plans**.

2 Level approach:

Risks				
1	Define if you have any of the biggest PFAS producers in Europe	YES	NO	NOT SURE*
	3M			
	AGC Inc.			
	Archroma			
	Arkema			
	BASF			
	Bayer			
	Chemours			
	Daikin			
	Dongyue			
	Honeywell			
	Merck			
	Solvay			
			Final score	
	NOT SURE* means that you are not certain about the answer and need to collect more information before submitting the right answer			
2	Define if your State/municipality have production facilities for:	YES	NO	NOT SURE*
	TULAC*			
	Medical devices			
	Applications of fluorinated gases			
	Food contact materials and packaging			
	Transport			
	Construction products			
	Petroleum and mining			
	Electronics and semiconductors			
	Energy sector			
	Lubricants			
	Metal plating and manufacture of metal products			
			Final score	

2 Level approach:

For anyone

Use our tool:

8 -10 simple questions (YES/NO) you can answer just using search engine.

To assess if your municipality potentially has PFAS problems.

With or without sampling.

For advanced users

Make PFAS risk assessment plan:

More elaborated approach.

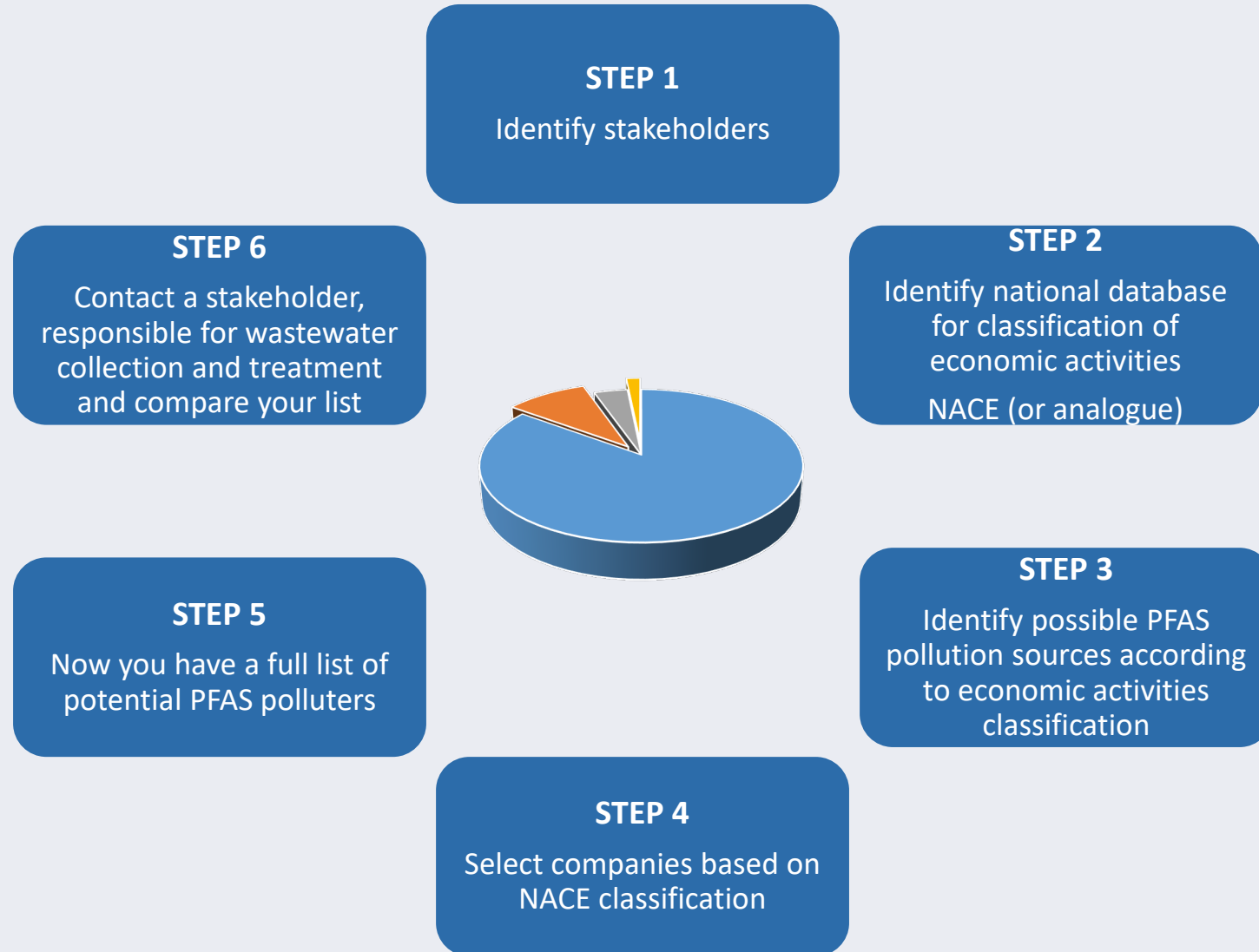
To identify PFAS polluters.

Take samples.

Make mitigation strategy.

Risk assessment

6 steps



STEP 1

Identify stakeholders

- Limited liability company Rīgas ūdens, a capital company founded by Riga City Municipality, is the only provider of centralised water supply and sewerage services in Riga.
- Rīgas ūdens Ltd is solely owned by Riga City Municipality.



City:	Riga	
Water supply stage	Stakeholder	Function
Source	Riga water Ltd	Surface water quality control
Treatment and distribution	Riga water Ltd	Abstracting water; Treating water; Supplying drinking water
Wastewater treatment and collection	Riga water Ltd	Collecting wastewater; Treating wastewater

STEP 2

Identify national database
for classification of
economic activities
(NACE or analogue)

- The Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Union is the standard industrial classification system used by the Member States and the Commission of the EU.
- <https://www.infobelpro.com/en/blog/nace-codes>
- <https://nace.lursoft.lv/?l=en>
- <https://stat.gov.pl/en/metainformation/classifications/>

The screenshot shows the LURSOFT website interface for the NACE Rev. 2 database. The top navigation bar includes links for DATA BASES, MONITORING, SUBSCRIPTION, and language options (LV, RU, EN). A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Enter a name, description, or code for the activity type." and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are radio buttons for "NACE", "SIC", and "All", with "NACE" selected. A "MORE" button is also visible. The main content area is titled "Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev. 2" and includes a brief description of the database. It features a section for "A AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING" with a "Description" field and a "Companies" field showing flags for Latvia, Estonia, and the United Kingdom. Below this, there is a text box stating: "This section includes the exploitation of vegetal and animal natural resources, comprising the activities of growing of crops, raising and breeding of animals, harvesting of timber and other plants, animals or animal products from a farm or their natural habitats." The section is followed by "B MINING AND QUARRYING" with similar "Description" and "Companies" fields.

STEP 3

Identify possible PFAS
pollution sources according
to economic activities
classification

C	MANUFACTURING
13	Manufacture of textiles
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel
15	Manufacture of leather and related products
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
	Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms
20.1	
20.11	Manufacture of industrial gases
20.16	Manufacture of plastics in primary forms
20.17	Manufacture of synthetic rubber in primary forms
20.2	Manufacture of pesticides and other agrochemical products
20.3	Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics
	Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations
20.4	
20.52	Manufacture of glues
20.59	Manufacture of other chemical products n.e.c.
21	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations
21.2	Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products
23.3	Manufacture of clay building materials
23.5	Manufacture of cement, lime and plaster
23.6	Manufacture of articles of concrete, cement and plaster
24	Manufacture of basic metals
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment
28.25	Manufacture of non-domestic cooling and ventilation equipment
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment
31	Manufacture of furniture
32.5	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies
32.99	Other manufacturing n.e.c.
D	ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY
35.11	Production of electricity
E	WATER SUPPLY; SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
37	Sewerage
38	Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
H	TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE
52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation (Airports)

STEP 5

Now you have a full list of potential PFAS polluters

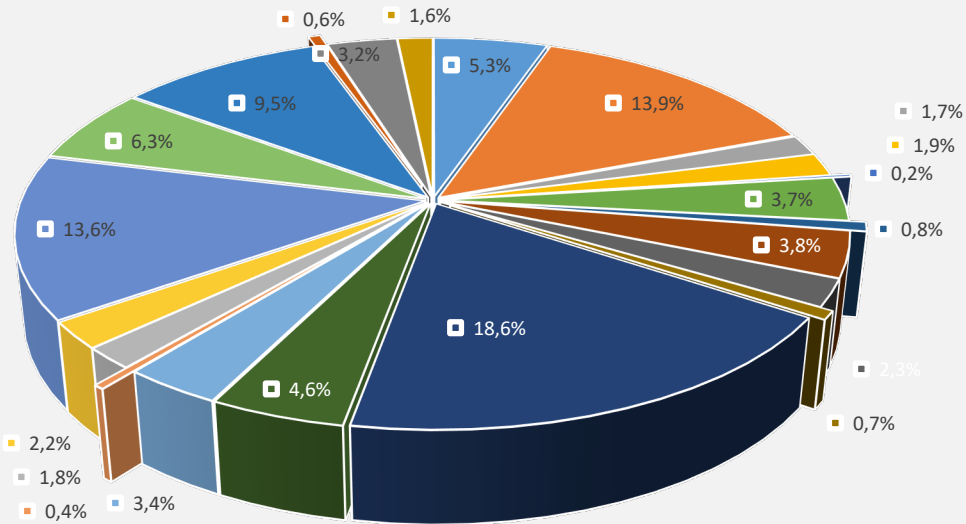
STEP 6

Contact a stakeholder, responsible for wastewater collection and treatment and compare your list

Statistical Classification of Economic Activities(NACE)

Division/Title	Number of companies	Division effect, %	Section	Section effect, %
13: Manufacture of textiles	160	5,3	C	85,1
14: Manufacture of wearing apparel	423	13,9	C	
15: Manufacture of leather and related products	52	1,7	C	
17: Manufacture of paper and paper products	58	1,9	C	
19: Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	6	0,2	C	
20: Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	111	3,7	C	
21: Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	23	0,8	C	
22: Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	116	3,8	C	
23: Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	69	2,3	C	
24: Manufacture of basic metals	22	0,7	C	
25: Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	563	18,6	C	
26: Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	139	4,6	C	
27: Manufacture of electrical equipment	102	3,4	C	
28: Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	11	0,4	C	
29: Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	55	1,8	C	
30: Manufacture of other transport equipment	68	2,2	C	
31: Manufacture of furniture	414	13,6	C	
32: Other manufacturing	190	6,3	C	
35: Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	287	9,5	D	9,5
37: Sewerage	17	0,6	E	3,8
38: Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	98	3,2	E	
52: Warehousing and support activities for transportation	49	1,6	H	1,6

Distribution according to NACE



MAP the polluters

Take samples

Develop mitigation strategy

Join us! We will help you to identify
PFAS risks.

For more information and/or
participation please contact:

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Thank you for your attention!

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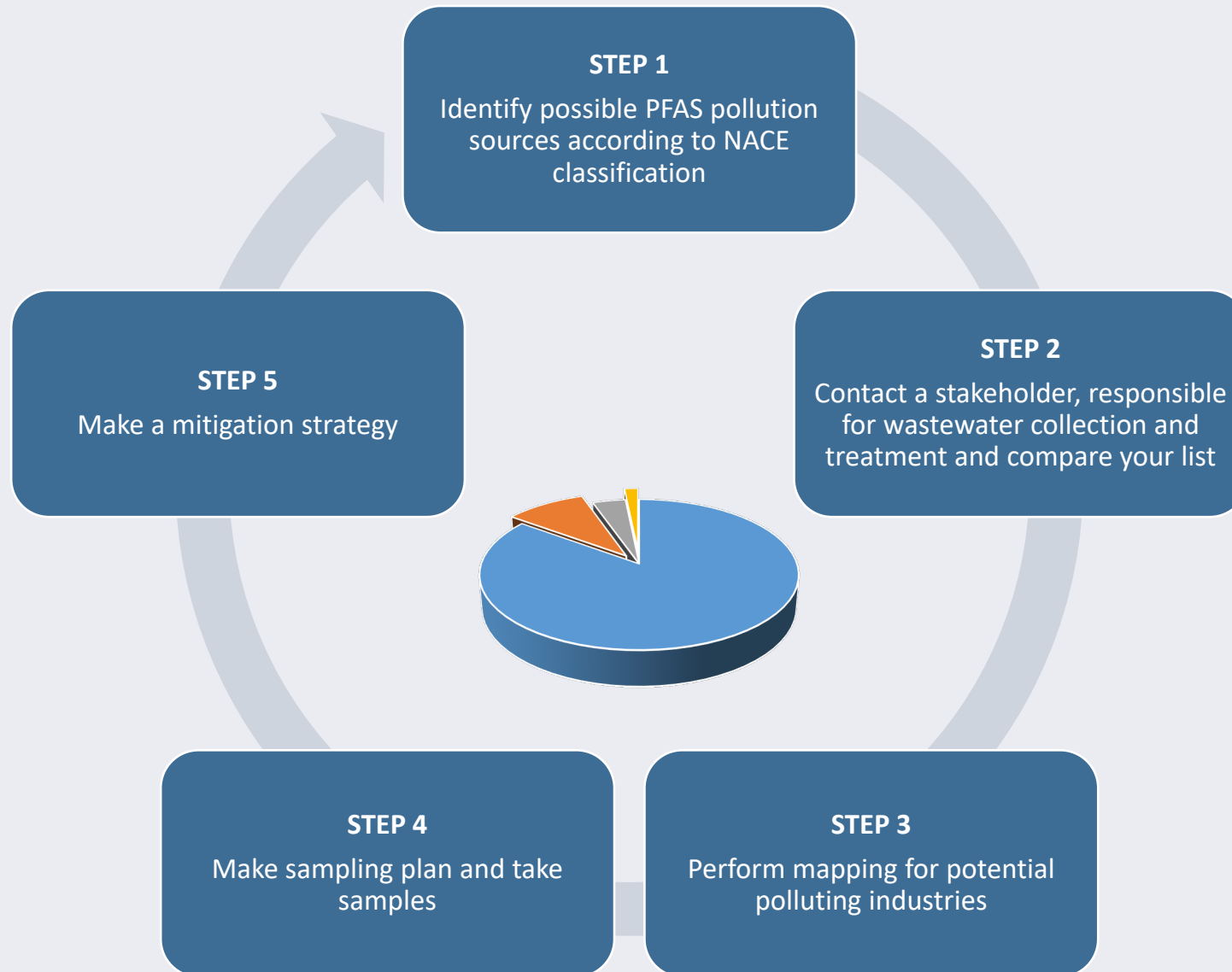
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Risk assessment



PFAS in different use categories

