

PRESS RELEASE

CINCINNATI OHIO (December 20, 2022): In response to the announcement today that 3M will “exit PFAS manufacturing by the end of 2025,” attorney and author Rob Bilott stated that, “3M’s recognition that it should not be spewing these PFAS “forever chemicals” into our world is *decades* overdue, and has come only after the truth of what 3M has long-known about the harm that these toxins pose was revealed to the world through litigation by the innocent victims of this massive cover-up.” Bilott added, “what remains to be seen is whether 3M will ever accept responsibility and pay to clean up the unprecedented global contamination and damage it has already caused, including contamination of drinking water supplies, soil, wildlife – *and people* – all across the planet: The taxpayers and innocent victims of this contamination should not be paying to clean up the mess 3M caused.” Bilott further added, “Instead of fighting the federal, state, and international regulators who are trying to protect the public from this harm and continuing to deny the science linking these chemicals with disease, 3M should be working to find ways to fully support and fund studies and monitoring of those exposed.”

Bilott helped lead the first litigation against 3M involving PFAS back in 2005 in Minnesota and helped to uncover much of the internal information that was finally revealed to the rest of the world through the Minnesota Attorney General’s later litigation against 3M, which later settled for \$850 million, and is continuing to be revealed through the current multidistrict litigation proceedings involving aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) where Bilott serves as Advisory Counsel to the Plaintiffs. Bilott’s work to uncover what PFAS manufacturers have known about the dangers of PFAS “forever chemicals” is chronicled in his book, *Exposure:*

Poisoned Water, Corporate Greed and One Lawyer's Twenty-Year Battle Against DuPont, which story also formed the basis of the film, *Dark Waters*.