



Statesville media release - for Statesville and district distribution

EPOC Enviro to manufacture PFAS remediation technology in Statesville, NC

11 April 2023: Australian company EPOC Enviro, a leading global provider of a sustainable PFAS remediation technology, has today announced plans to open a major manufacturing base in Statesville, North Carolina.

With a production schedule already filled until 2024, the new Statesville manufacturing facility will initially employ up to 225 staff and build 150 SAFF® (Surface Active Foam Fractionation) units annually, and exclusively, for the US market.

SAFF represents a sustainably engineered approach to PFAS remediation, where air bubbles are used to 'foam out' 99+ per cent of target PFAS contaminants, permanently stripping them from the ecosystem. The technology is recognized as a naturally elegant PFAS solution that produces no waste, other than a high density PFAS concentrate, ensuring zero environmental harm.

"It's great to welcome EPOC Enviro to Iredell County in the nationally recognized top state for business with the best workers in the world," said North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper. "Our fight against polluted water and climate change will be bolstered by this company's innovative products and its commitment to sustainability."

"We are excited about the company's decision to locate in Statesville. Clean, high-paying jobs are what every community needs. We look forward to working closely with leadership as they transition into Statesville and become part of our ever-expanding patchwork," said Mayor Costi Kutteh.

"Our move to Statesville feels well timed," said EPOC Enviro President, Pete Murphy. "With new US EPA guidelines recently announced around PFAS, and the SAFF® systems now recognised and proven as a practical and efficient full-scale solution, there has never been a better 'right time right place' moment to expand our manufacturing into the USA," he said.

The 263,500ft² Statesville manufacturing facility will complement SAFF® manufacturing already taking place in Australia, with a significant knowledge transfer between the two nations now in action as recruitment and training ramps up at Statesville.

Earlier this year, EPOC Enviro announced a partnership with American companies Heritage Crystal Clean, Revive Environmental (part of the Battelle group of companies) and Allonnia. This holistic combination of technologies and expertise, known as 4never™, is providing America's first full scale, closed loop, PFAS solution for the landfill and industrial waste management markets, and significantly enhancing demand for SAFF® technology.

"This is an exciting time for us. We have pioneered and refined the SAFF® technology, and it is already proven on multiple sites across three continents. With our recent 4never announcement consolidating a solid platform of high performance US partners, the move to Statesville feels like everything is falling into place," he said.



“Statesville is a place where good things are happening, and we want to be a part of that. It’s strategically positioned within the ‘research triangle’ which gives us an edge for recruitment and innovative R&D, and its location near major road and rail networks is also key.”

“We envision that Statesville will be a launch pad for bigger things and will allow us to expand our overall market offering. Our award-winning SAFF® technology has already performed in eight different US states, and we are looking forward to visiting all corners of the USA to help communities remediate their PFAS impacted waters.”

“Australia is a country renowned for providing its employees with a work life balance and we want to extend that to our US operations. If you are looking to work in a dynamic global company where employees are valued, with excellent career growth opportunities, please consider EPOC Enviro. We have put together generous packages with excellent benefits and seek enthusiastic people to come join us and be a part of the PFAS solution.”

“We want to thank Governor Roy Cooper and his team, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the Iredell County Economic Development Corporation and the City of Statesville for the support and especially warm welcome that we have received.”

EPOC Enviro expects to complete Stage One of its growth plan by the end of 2023. This will see the engagement of some 90 positions, with the first US built SAFF® units scheduled to start their important PFAS remediation work in July, 2023. For information about positions vacant, visit epocenviro.com.

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More information on SAFF®: www.epocenviro.com

Animation showing how SAFF® works: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUutrt3VfYU

SAFF® news: www.linkedin.com/company/78794299/admin/

USA distributor: <https://allonnia.com/>

Media release - SAFF® unit operating in Minnesota:
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/news-and-stories/mpca-brings-cutting-edge-technology-to-minnesota-to-remove-pfas-from-water>

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WHO IS EPOC ENVIRO? *Protecting and improving the environment*

EPOC Enviro is an award-winning environmental engineering firm. The EPOC acronym stands for ‘Emerging Pollutants of Concern’.

Our mission is to develop and implement clever and practical engineering solutions on a global scale to permanently remove PFAS and other emerging contaminants from the environment.



At EPOC Enviro, we proudly apply the principles of intelligent design, sustainable engineering and green chemistry to our craft.

Since 2014, EPOC scientists and engineers have worked collaboratively with clients and stakeholders to develop and patent remedial solutions to remove PFAS from water, soil and hardstand.

WHAT IS PFAS?

PFAS are a family of synthetic compounds widely used globally to make products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease and water. PFAS compounds break down very slowly over time and are recognized as an 'emerging contaminant' with widespread concerns about their characteristics of persistence, bioaccumulation, toxicity and impacts on human health.