

# Community Testing Initiatives: How Local Groups Are Fighting PFAS

*From Michigan to North Carolina, citizen-led PFAS testing is reshaping public awareness and pressuring policy reform.*

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When communities lead with science, change follows—testing is the first step toward justice.”

*Sarah Miller, Legal Assistant  
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PFAS contamination continue to rise, local communities across the United States are taking testing into their own hands. Legal Claim Assistant highlights how grassroots organizations—led by residents, scientists, and advocacy groups—are filling critical gaps in environmental monitoring and public accountability.

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are industrial chemicals found in water, soil, and household products.

Because these substances resist degradation, they accumulate in the environment and human body over time. While federal and state authorities are expanding monitoring efforts, many affected communities still face delays or lack access to testing resources.

“What we’re seeing now is a groundswell of local action,” says Sarah Miller, Legal Assistant at Legal Claim Assistant. “People are organizing to test their own water and push for answers—and it’s working.”

## Citizen Science in Action

Groups like Clean Cape Fear in North Carolina and Need Our Water (NOW) in Michigan have launched community-wide sampling campaigns using grant funding, university partnerships, and mobile lab units. These initiatives often focus on areas near known PFAS sources, such as:

- Former military installations
- Chemical manufacturing sites
- Wastewater treatment plants
- Fire training facilities

In many cases, results from these community tests have prompted EPA involvement, local health advisories, and infrastructure investment.

A 2024 Environmental Working Group report praised citizen science as “a critical early warning system” in the national PFAS response.

### Building Public Pressure and Policy Momentum

Grassroots testing has driven media coverage and accelerated government response in multiple states. For example, community-collected data in Hoosick Falls, NY and Merrimack, NH helped reveal widespread contamination—well before official testing programs began.

“Without our local volunteers, the problem would still be invisible,” said a NOW campaign leader during a recent town hall.

Legal Claim Assistant [supports](#) these efforts by helping individuals interpret test results and connect with legal experts if contamination is confirmed.

### Empowering Families to Take the First Step

While testing alone doesn’t stop contamination, it empowers residents to make informed choices about filters, bottled water, health screening, and advocacy. It also establishes documented evidence that may support future legal claims or cleanup demands.

Legal Claim Assistant offers educational resources and legal referrals for families impacted by PFAS, especially those participating in community science projects or living near contamination zones.

### About Legal Claim Assistant

Legal Claim Assistant is a national referral platform connecting individuals harmed by environmental contamination and toxic exposure with experienced law firms. The organization provides free case evaluations and informational support in all 50 states.

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