

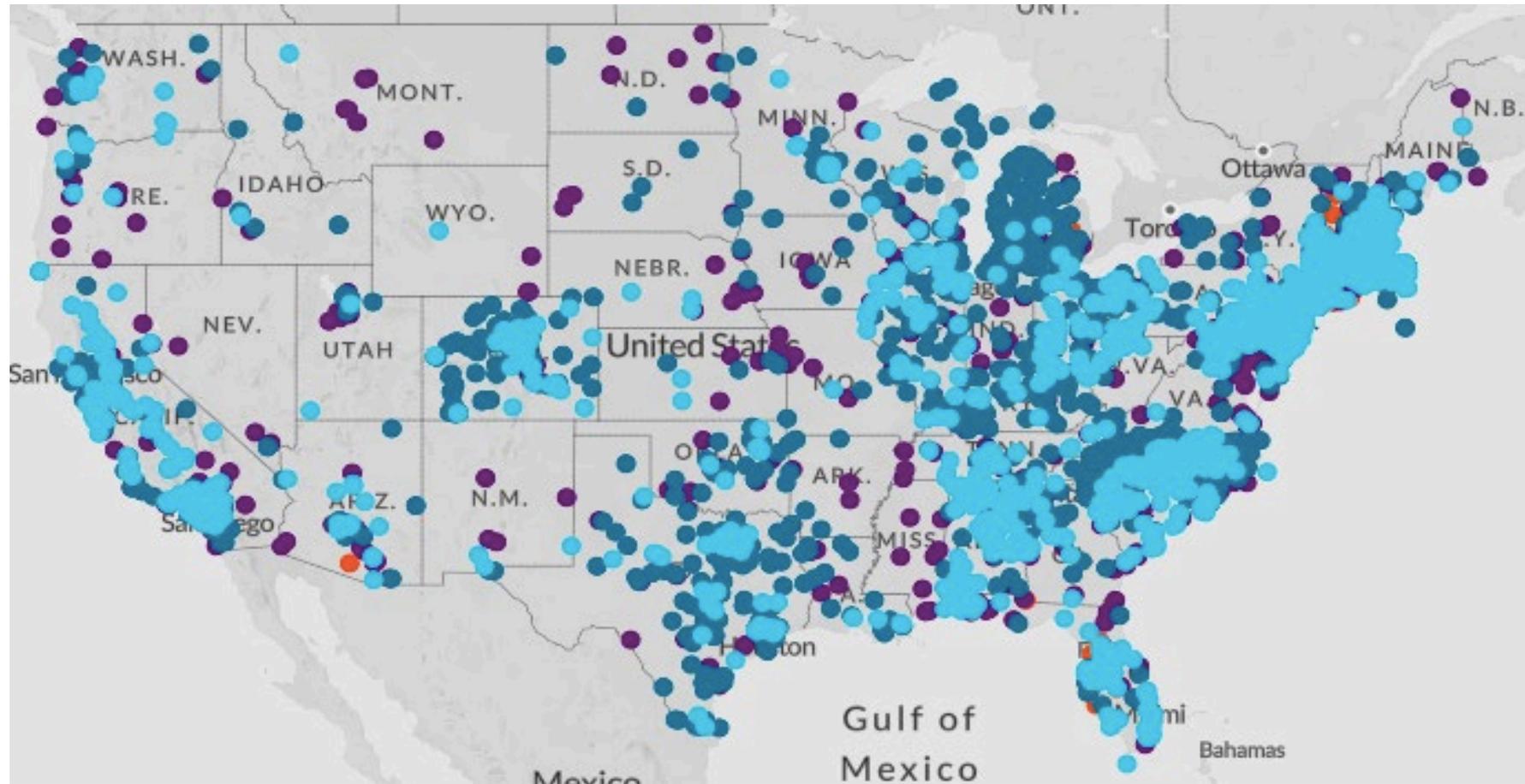


PFAS: State Action
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Safer States



Why PFAS?

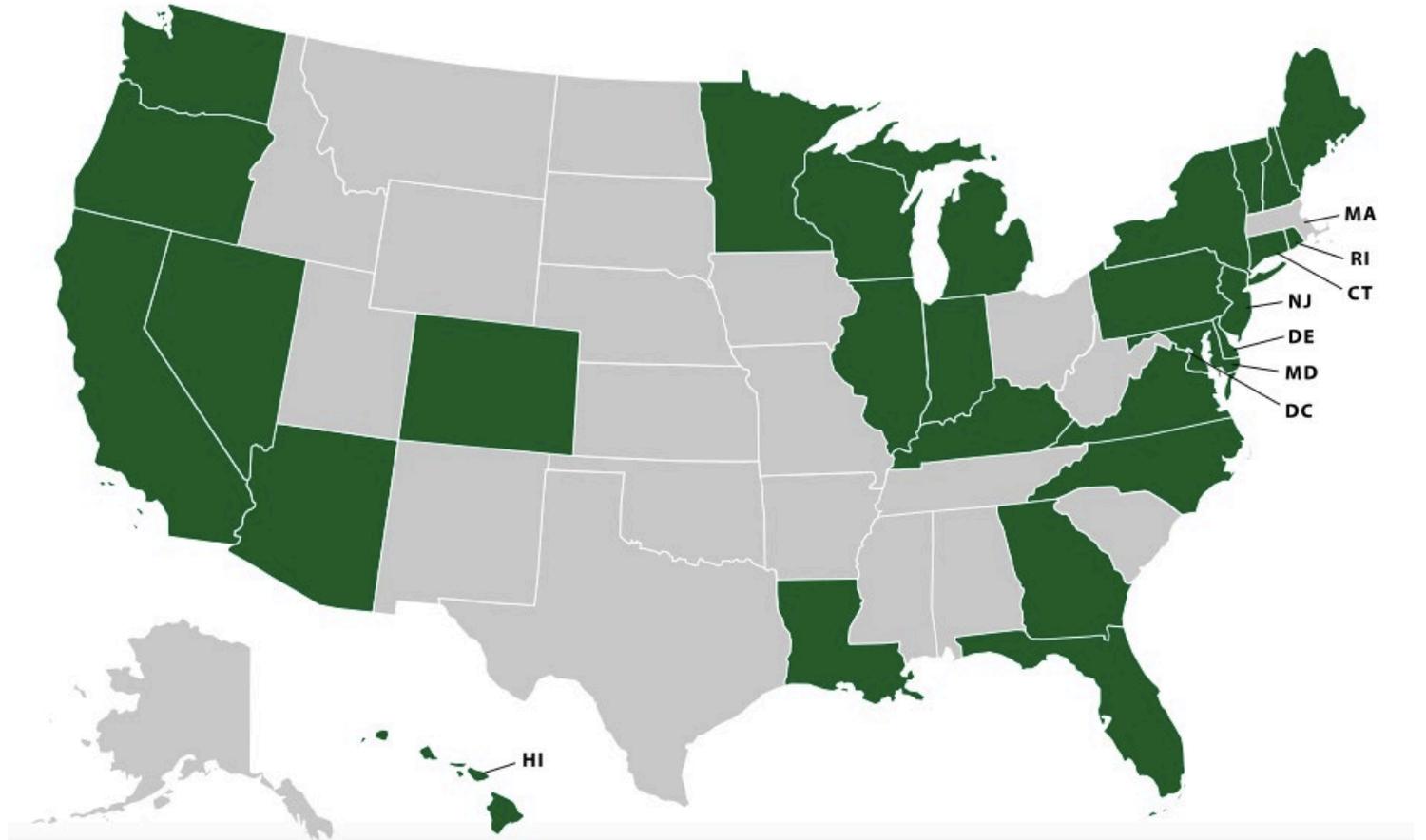
- 3186 contaminated sites
- PFAS in drinking water of est. 200 million Americans
- 99% of Americans have PFAS in their blood
- Found all over the globe
- Causes:
 - Cancer
 - Birth Defects
 - Infertility
 - Pregnancy Complications
 - Decreased immune response



States Leading the Way on PFAS

28 states have adopted of PFAS policies including:

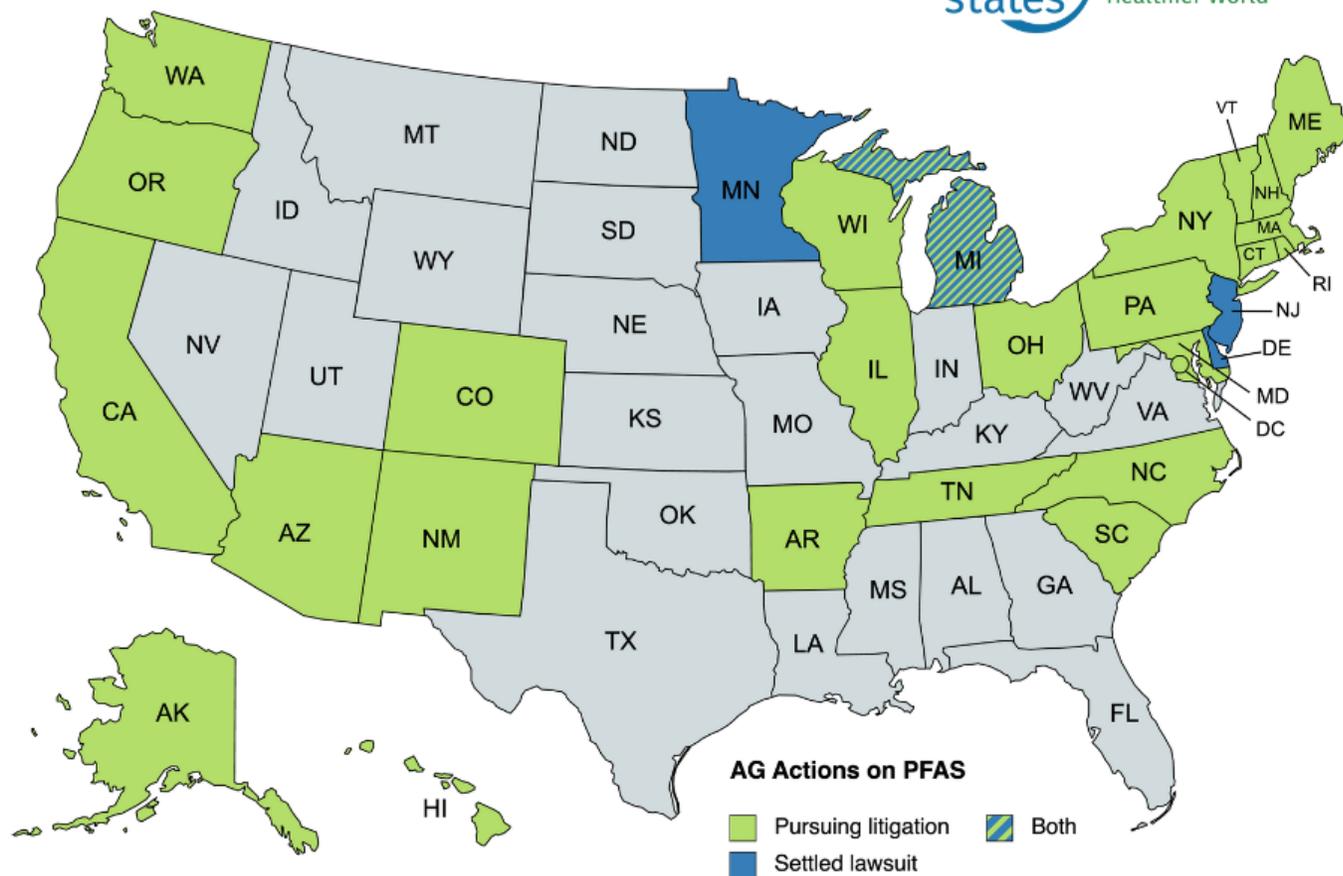
- Twelve states including have enacted phase-outs of **PFAS in food packaging**.
- Eight have adopted restrictions on **PFAS in carpets, rugs, and/or aftermarket treatments**.
- Six states are taking action to eliminate **PFAS in cosmetics**.
- Twelve states have banned the sale of **firefighting foam containing PFAS**.



States Leading the Way on PFAS Accountability

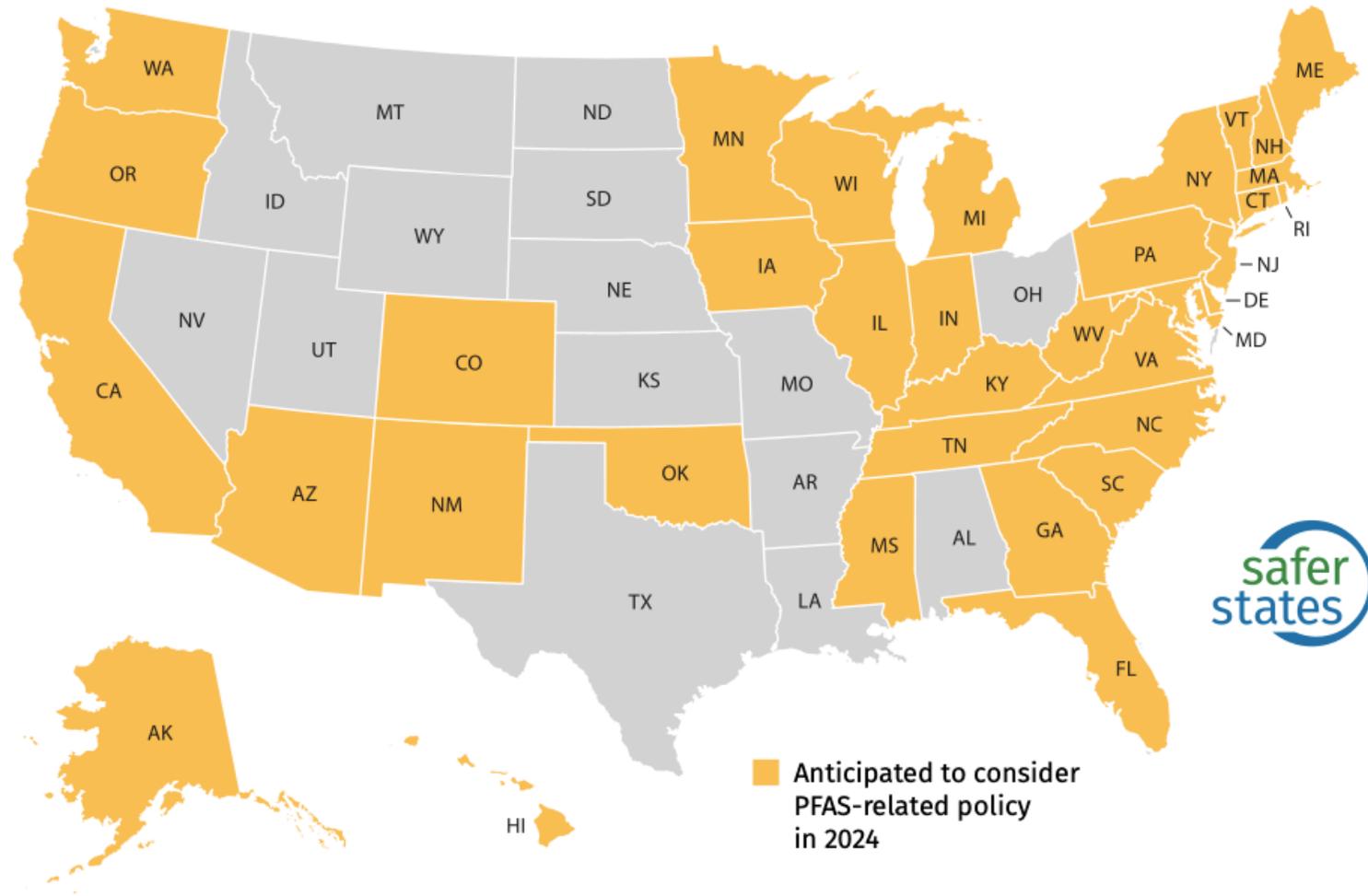


- Currently, 29 US State Attorneys General (AGs) are pursuing litigation against the manufacturers of PFAS chemicals for contaminating water supplies and other natural resources.
- Over \$6 billion in PFAS water remediation estimated to be spent in the next decade
- MN has already spent over \$48 million on PFAS clean up



States Leading the Way on PFAS 2024

- 21 states addressing uses of PFAS including product bans, disclosure and comprehensive policies including 16 states seeking broader bans
- 10 states looking to ban PFAS from foam/ PPE
- MD, VA looking at industrial discharges of PFAS



Infrastructure Funding for PFAS

- Bi-partisan Infrastructure bill allocated \$10 billion to states for PFAS clean up
 - PA placed money in their Penn Best grant program allowing localities to apply for clean up funds
- North Carolina received over \$230 million in grants for water and wastewater infrastructure including \$30 million for one district to build new treatment facilities
- California is expanding monitoring and developing new treatment techniques

Turning off the Tap

- Amara's Law
 - Introductions in CA, CO and other states anticipated
- Product bans
- Disclosure
- Accountability
 - Medical monitoring for those living near polluting facilities
 - Strict Liability for PFAS manufacturers and users