

PFOA

PFOA has been manufactured since the 1940s. In the past, PFOA was used primarily as an aqueous dispersion agent (additive) in the manufacturing of fluoropolymers, which are substances with special properties that have a wide variety of commercial and industrial applications. PFOA was manufactured by the 3M Company (3M) for more than fifty years, until it phased out production in the early 2000s. Beginning in the early 1950s, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) bought PFOA from 3M, which it used to manufacture fluoropolymers, including Teflon® products.