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Floridians Unite to Discuss Hidden Dangers in Our Water

WHAT:

Florida's water crisis is escalating and scientists say time is running out. The Clean Earth Initiative is opening the doors of The Reef Institute for a Coral Reef Lab tour and urgent Waterways Protection Panel. Reporters will hear directly from leading scientists about dangerous pollutants already found in the drinking water of more than 8 million Floridians.

Frank Ramos, CEO of Save the Water, will reveal findings from his Everglades Project on contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) and national PFAS expert Dr. Graham Peaslee will outline the risks of these toxic "forever chemicals" that persist in the environment and accumulate in human bloodstreams.

WHEN:

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE:

The Reef Institute
3301 Electronics Way
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

WHO:

- Panel organizations and spokespeople:
 - Dr. Graham Peaslee, national expert on PFAS, presenting his latest research
 - Frank Ramos representing Save the Water (Biscayne Bay)
 - Terry Cain representing Estero Bay Buddies (Southwest Florida)
 - Joe Balog representing Mighty River Recovery (St. Johns River)
 - Jim Moir representing Marine Resources Council (Indian River Lagoon)

WHY:

PFAS and other emerging chemicals of concern are showing up everywhere in Florida — from coral reefs to rivers to drinking water — posing increasing risks to families, fishermen and the state's \$37 billion tourism economy. This panel brings together scientists, nonprofit leaders and policymakers to share insights and solutions that Floridians can't afford to ignore; this is an opportunity for reporters to have exclusive access to scientists and advocates fighting to stop the spread of contamination.

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