

'Why tackling forever chemicals is necessary'

We've chosen this topic because it is both very fresh but also gaining a lot of traction with investors, in addition to its critical importance. If you've heard about the litigation and financial risks associated with per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS), are concerned about PFAS in your water and or are reading about some of the serious health risks associated with forever chemicals, this would be a great session to attend. The panel, moderated by Amy D'Eugenio will feature EOS' Jo Beatty who will highlight investor areas of focus and company case studies. Our panel will comprise international experts from Sweden based NGO [ChemSec](#) as well as Larissa Ruoff of LWCO Trust who spoke at last year's CII Spring conference on hazardous chemicals. For further information, please see ['why Forever Chemicals aren't going away'](#).

Tuesday March 11th, 4.30pm to 5.15pm ET (45 mins)

Salamander Hotel, Washington DC at 1330 Maryland Ave SW, Washington DC 20024
CII Spring Conference, Side Event. Hosted by Federated Hermes EOS.

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Biographies

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Jo Beatty
Director, Engagement,
EOS at Federated Hermes Ltd

Joanne joined EOS in 2020 and leads the chemicals and industrial sectors as well as co-leads the Natural Resources Stewardship and responsible tax themes. Joanne engages with US and EU market chemical companies and is on the Steering Committee of the Investor Initiative on Hazardous Chemicals. Prior to joining EOS, Joanne was a senior sustainability consultant for a big four accounting firm in the US and Australia after holding senior roles in the Victorian State Government (Australia) leading teams on corporatisation, energy privatisation, water stewardship and worker health and safety. Joanne has a Bachelor of Arts degree with honours and a Master of Public Policy, both from the University of Melbourne.



Sonja Haider
Head of Sustainable
Finance, Chemsec

Sonja Haider drives sustainable change as the head of ChemSec's Sustainable Finance division, championing chemical safety and greener investment strategies. She leads groundbreaking initiatives like ChemScore, which ranks global chemical companies on sustainability, and the Investors Initiative on Hazardous Chemicals, a coalition of over 70 firms managing \$12 trillion in assets. With a knack for blending financial expertise and environmental vision, Sonja helps investors integrate chemical risks into their strategies and push for cleaner industries. A former advisor to EU sustainable finance policies, she's shaped frameworks aligning finance with health and ecology in taking pollution prevention and control to the next level. Currently, she's helping define global pollution reporting standards as part of the Global Reporting Initiative.



Jerker Ligthart
Senior Chemicals Advisor,
Chemsec

Jerker Ligthart holds an MSc in chemical engineering and has previously been the project manager for chemicals policy-related projects within ChemSec. Lately, he has been involved in ChemScore, a ranking of the world's largest chemicals producers on their chemical sustainability performance from an investor's perspective. Jerker also deeply understands chemical regulation, especially REACH, and represents ChemSec in the Member State Committee meetings at the European Chemicals Agency



Larisa Ruoff
Director, Shareholder
advocacy, LWCO Trust

Larisa joined LWC in 2013 and runs the Shareholder Advocacy program. Previously she was Director of Shareholder Advocacy at Green Century Capital Management and Research Director for Corporate Accountability International. Larisa graduated from St. Lawrence University, holds a Masters of International Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University and has a CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing.



Amy D'Eugenio
Sustainability Director,
Federated Hermes Ltd

Amy D'Eugenio is a Sustainability Director in the Responsibility Office of Federated Hermes Ltd. Her senior role covers stewardship, integration, sustainably, product development and client advisory. Prior Amy was the head of EOS client service and business development where she was responsible for facilitating the Client Advisory Board and Council for international investors. In addition to over a decade working at Federated Hermes Ltd, Amy has 12 years' experience in professional services and has worked in the UK, the US and Australia. Her experience centred on the design and implementation of development programmes for international institutional clients. Amy has a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws Honours degrees from the University of Adelaide and is a qualified lawyer. Amy also holds the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing and is a Mental Health First Aider, England.