

THE BRUSSELS PFAS CARTOGRAPHY

AN OVERVIEW



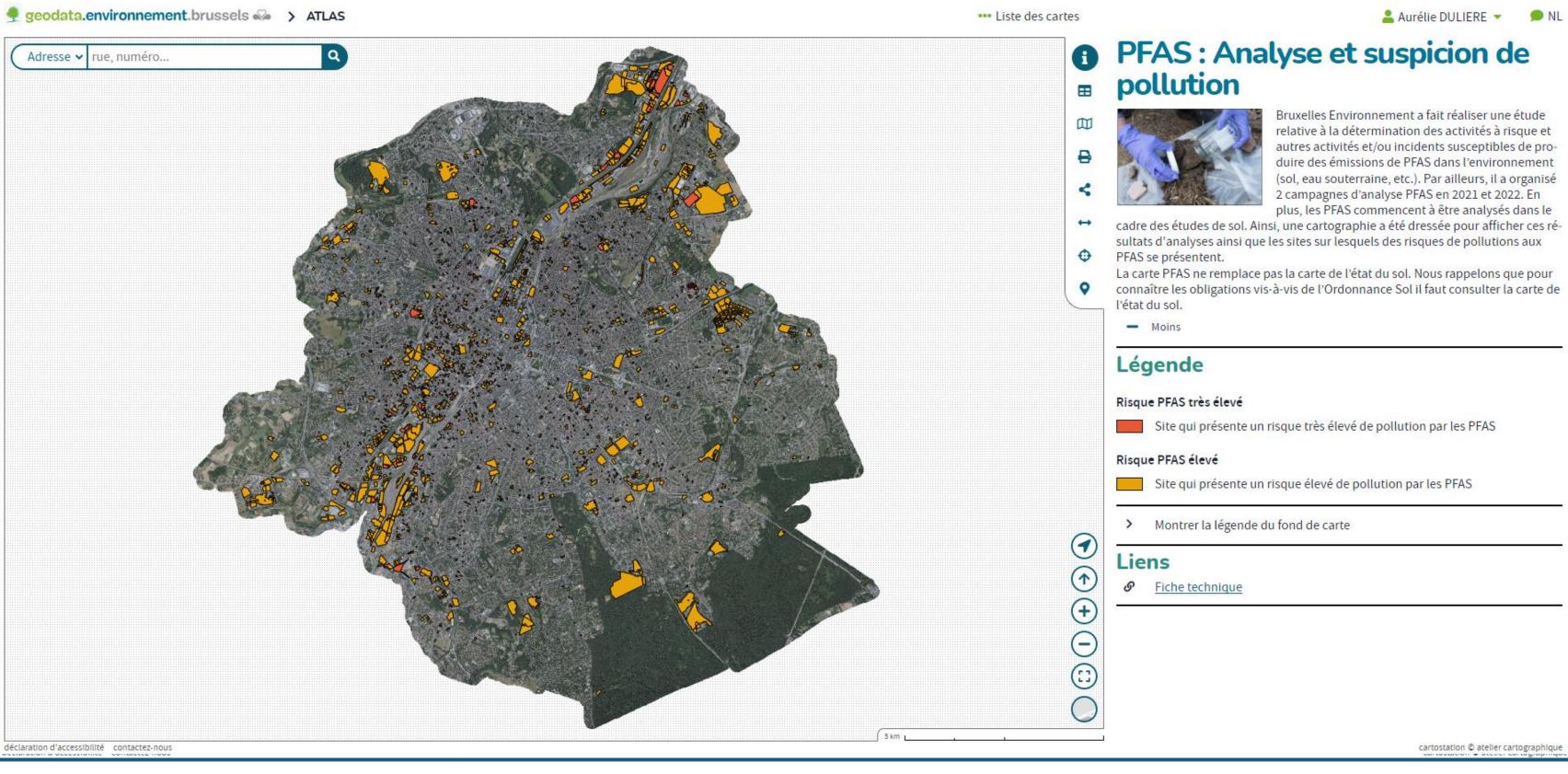
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BRUSSELS ENVIRONMENT



- THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY POLICY IN THE BRUSSELS REGION +1300 EMPLOYEES
- SOIL CONTAMINATION MANAGEMENT:
 - 34 employees
 - Enforcement of the Soil Contamination Decree since 2004
 - Management of the Soil Inventory





THE BRUSSELS PFAS CARTOGRAPHY A FEW FACTS:

- Published in June 2023
- Public freely accessible online
- Dynamic linked to the Soil Inventory data base
- 2 types of informations:
 - Potential for PFAS contamination on a specific cadland parcel
 - Soil and groundwater PFAS measurements

FOR WHOM?

- For Soil Contamination experts to help them determine if PFAS must be analyzed (mandatory since 2022)
- For citizens
- For authorities



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Starting point: the Brussels Soil Inventory

- > Screening of all environmental permits' archives for activities with a risk of soil contamination
- \triangleright Each activity located on its cadastral/land parcel \rightarrow map of (potentially) contaminated lands
- > Available details encoded in the database of the soil inventory (soil study, landowners, operators etc)
- Automatic updates linked to the digital permit platform (Nova)

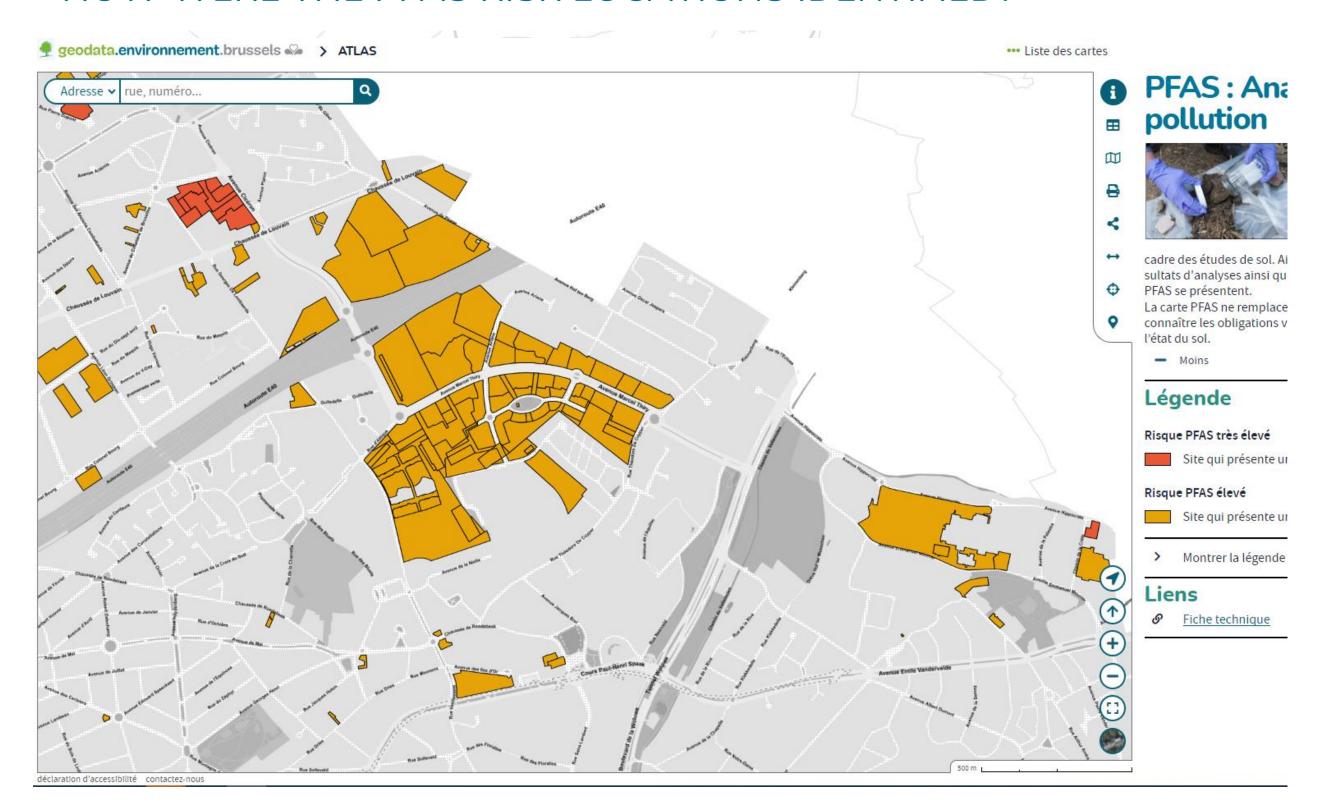


2021:

- Study to identify the risk activities within the Soil Inventory with a PFAS risk, worst case approach
 - ➤ Cadastral/land parcel with at least one very high/high risk PFAS → very high/high risk of PFAS contamination site
- > Other sites of very high risk PFAS concern: firefighting foams, located next to a contaminated site, heightened concentration in excavated soil from this site

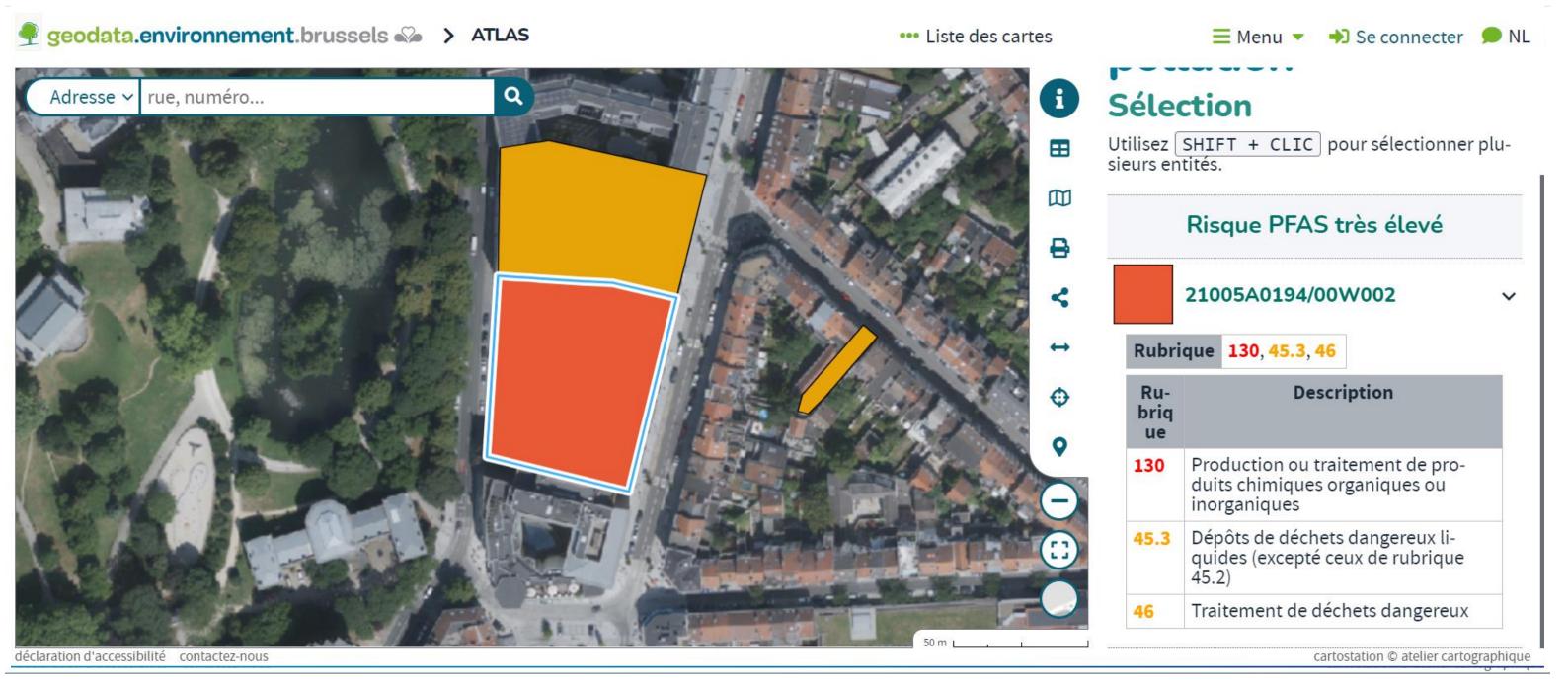


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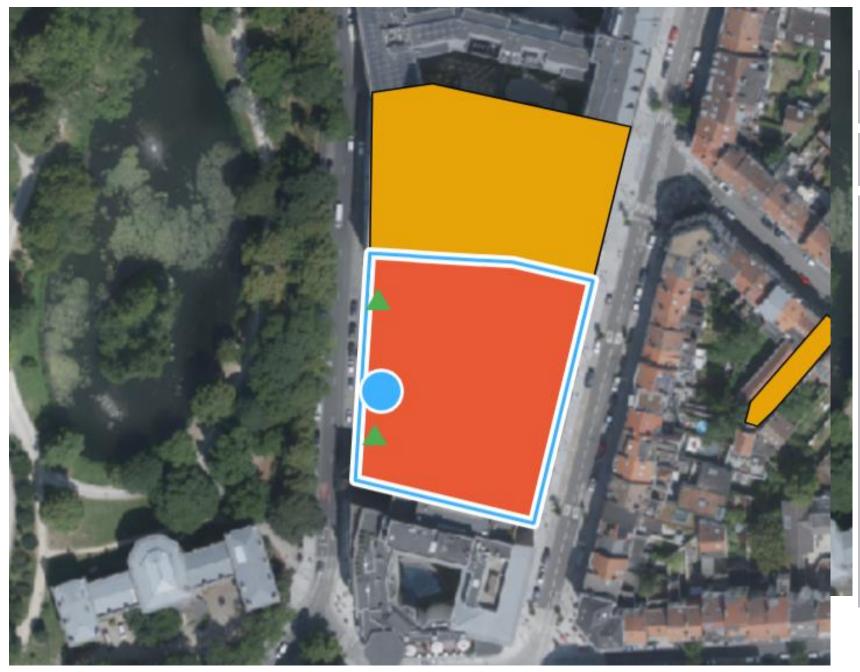


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THE BRUSSELS PFAS CARTOGRAPHY THE ANALYTICAL RESULTS



4	Doss -ier	Poll -uant	(μg/kg)	For -age	Date	Prof. (min/ max)	
	SOL/0 0505/ 2023	Perfluo- robuta- noic acid (PFBA)	<0.5	106	17/11 /2023	0.5 /0.25	1
	SOL/0 0505/ 2023	Perfluo- ropen- tanoic acid (PFPeA)	<0.5	106	17/11 /2023	0.5 /0.25	
	SOL/0 0505/ 2023	Perfluo- rohexa- noic acid (PFHxA)	<0.5	106	17/11 /2023	0.5 /0.25	
	SOL/0 0505/ 2023	Perfluo- rohep- tanoic acid (PFHpA)	<0.5	106	17/11 /2023	0.5 /0.25	
	SOL/0	Perfluo-	<0.5	106	17/11	0.5	



EXAMPLE: FORMER METAL WORKSHOP

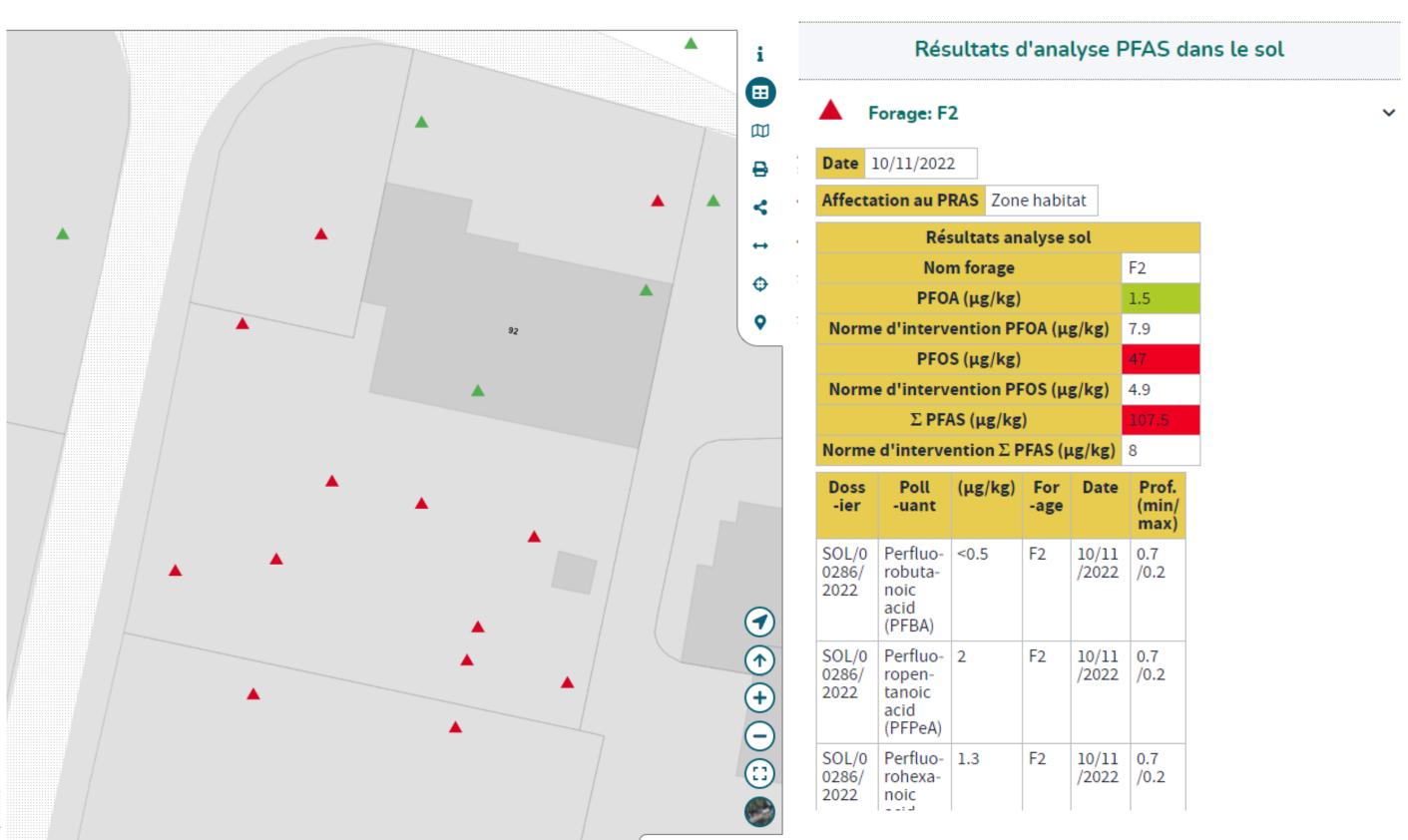


- ➤ PFAS groundwater contamination discovered during one of our sampling campaigns in 2022
- ➤ Former industrial site, surrounded by houses→ possible concern
- collaboration of the muncipality, info session with the neighbours
- Further sampling in one garden and on the street + risk analysis

The probable source site is currently investigated by the owners
Probable origin is a surface treatment of metals



EXAMPLE: FIRE STATION



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