Pharmaceuticals in Our Water: Concerns and Responses

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2325 Rayburn House Office Building

Pharmaceuticals are found in our waterways and drinking water, but we know little about the relative contributions from different types of drugs, their persistence in the environment, and the best ways of drug disposal to reduce the amount getting into the environment. Evidence indicates that some water-borne pharmaceuticals may be harming aquatic species, but how much do we know about their impact on human health? Briefing panelists will explore what is known and unknown about this issue and examine steps that can be taken to ensure that drugs continue to provide important health benefits while reducing unintended consequences from their presence in our water.

Moderator
Jane Staveley, Arcadis U.S., Inc.

Panelists
Mae Wu, Natural Resources Defense Council
Shane Snyder, University of Arizona
Sierra Fletcher, Product Stewardship Institute
Richard Williams, formerly of Pfizer, Inc.

Please RSVP by noon on Monday, September 13 to http://tinyurl.com/PharmaceuticalsInWater.

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