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### 24 Supplemental Materials and Methods

## 25 Chemicals.

Unlabeled and stable isotope-labeled standards for PFCAs and 6:2 fluorotelomer 26 27 sulfonate (FtS) were purchased from Wellington Laboratories (Guelph, ON, Canada). The AFFF 28 used in this study was manufactured by Ansul with an estimated 2008 manufacture date and 29 obtained from a U.S. military base.(1) The formulation contains predominantly 6:2 FtTAoS at 30 approximately 20 mM and dissolved organic carbon at 11.5 M. Zonyl FSA was obtained from 31 the Field laboratory. Zonyl FSA is a proprietary PFAS mixture containing n:2 (n = 6, 8, 10) 32 fluorotelomer thioether propionate (FtTP) in unknown concentrations. HPLC-grade water and 33 methanol were purchased from Fisher Scientific. All other chemicals and solvents were 34 purchased from either Fisher Scientific or Sigma-Aldrich at the highest possible purity. 35

## 36 Microcosms.

37 Pristine solids were collected from the sediment of a creek on the UC Berkeley campus 38 and AFFF-contaminated solids were from a firefighter training area at the Ellsworth Air Force 39 Base (South Dakota). The samples obtained from AFFF-impacted site have no records of the 40 exact makeup of AFFF formulations used onsite, but it is likely that AFFF manufactured by 3M, 41 National Foam, and Ansul accounted for most of the materials used.(2) All microcosms were 42 mixed by gentle swirling to avoid the formation of foams prior to incubation at 30 °C in the dark 43 without shaking. Sodium sulfate (50 mM) and DGBE (1.5 or 3 mM) were periodically amended 44 to ensure that sufficient electron acceptor, electron donor, and carbon source were present in the 45 live microcosms during the incubation period (Table S1). Autoclaved control microcosms were 46 prepared by treating the solids with three autoclave-freeze-thaw cycles to ensure the deactivation 47 of microbial activity.

48 Active sulfate-reduction was confirmed in the live pristine microcosms when sulfate 49 concentrations decreased and the organic carbon amended was consumed (Figure S2 A, C). In 50 microcosms constructed with contaminated solids, the observed sulfate concentration did not 51 decrease (Figure S2 B, D). One potential explanation for this is that anaerobic microorganisms in 52 the contaminated microcosms used other terminal electron acceptors for their metabolism, such 53 as other sulfur species (sulfite, organosulfonates, and sulfur) that may have resulted from the 54 historical application of AFFFs at the site. Black precipitates, presumably iron sulfides, were 55 observed in the live contaminated microcosms, but not in the autoclaved controls, indicating the 56 presence of sulfate-reducing microbial activity (Figure S2E). The presence of sulfate-reducing 57 bacteria in the contaminated solid microcosms was also confirmed at the end of the experiments 58 using Biological Activity Reaction Tests (BARTs) (Hach, Loveland, Co). A black slime growth 59 at the bottom of the test tube was visualized on the second day in all tubes inoculated with live 60 culture but absent in the control tubes (Figure S2F). The approximate population of sulfate-

- for reducing bacteria estimated in this test was around  $2.5 \times 10^{7}$  cfu/mL.
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# 63 Analytical methods.

A quantification range of 0.1 to 10 μg/L was used for all PFCAs and 6:2 FtS, and 2.3 –
23.4 μg/L for 6:2 FtTAoS.(2) A semi-quantitative method for 6:2 FtTP was developed by
applying the TOP assay to Zonyl FSA, the only known commercially available standard
reference containing mainly 6:2 and 8:2 FtTP in unknown quantities. The 6:2 FtTP is likely the
only 6:2 fluorotelomer compound in the Zonyl FSA. Its molar concentration in the Zonyl FSA

69 standard was estimated using the TOP assay by summing the molar concentrations of all PFCAs

- that were expected to be generated from an equivalent concentration of a 6:2 fluorotelomer
- compound after the application of the assay. (25) The semi-quantitative method of 6:2 FtTP
- results in a quantification range of 1.3 to 12.7  $\mu$ g/L. For the other newly identified transformation
- 73 products, a semi-quantitative analysis was performed. The concentrations of the compounds
- 74 were determined using the LC-MS/MS instrumental responses relative to an internal standard,
- isotope-labelled 6:2 FtS, and the calibration curve of the parent compound, 6:2 FtTAoS.
- 76 Dissolved organic carbon (DOC) was measured in individual microcosms using a TOC 77 analyzer (TOC-V, Shimadzu, Japan) and sulfate was measured using an ion chromatograph

78 (Dionex ICS 1100, Thermo Fisher, Sunnyvale, CA).(3, 4) Standards of known concentrations

ranging from 0.042-4.2 mM (0.5-50 mg C/L) and 0.02 to 2 mM were used to quantify DOC and

- sulfate, respectively. Dry weight of solids was analyzed in accordance with the standard
   methods.(5)
- 82 TOP assay was used for quantification of total PFASs. Because quantitative standards 83 were not available for many hypothesized biotransformation products, TOP served as a surrogate 84 method for indirectly quantifying these compounds. Briefly, the stored 100 µL sample-methanol mixtures were flushed with nitrogen gas until dry. The dried samples were then reconstituted in a 85 86 seven mL solution containing 116 mM sodium hydroxide and 51 mM potassium persulfate and 87 incubated for 12 hours at 85 °C (water bath). The reacted solutions were then diluted and 88 analyzed for total PFCA concentrations using LC-MS/MS. The resulting total molar 89 concentrations of combined PFCAs represented the total molar concentration of PFASs in the
- 90 samples.
- 91 The activity of sulfate-reducing bacteria in the contaminated solid microcosms was 92 confirmed at the end of the experiments using BARTs (Hach, Loveland, CO) following the 93 manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, pooled slurries from the triplicate live microcosms were 94 diluted 10 or 50 folds with sterile reduced mineral salt medium to minimize the interference of 95 the black precipitates. Duplicates of 15 mL of diluted culture were added to the test vials and 96 incubated at room temperature in an anaerobic chamber (Coy Laboratory Products, Grass Lake, 97 MI) with a nitrogen and hydrogen (2-3%) atmosphere  $(O_2 < 2 \text{ ppm})$ . Duplicate test vials with 98 autoclaved live culture at the same dilutions were used as negative controls. One vial for each 99 10- or 50-fold diluted autoclaved microcosms was also included in the test for comparison. 100
- 101 Statistical analysis.

Statistical significance for concentration changes between Day 0 and the end of
 experiments were tested using a student t test. P values less than 0.05 were considered
 statistically different for the two groups compared.(6)

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# 106 **Prediction library establishment.**

107 The predicted biotransformation products of 6:2 FtTAoS were generated by the

- 108 EAWAG-BBD Pathway Prediction System (EAWAG-BBD-PPS, http://eawag-
- bbd.ethz.ch/predict/, updated May 2016) using the reaction rules that take place under either
- 110 aerobic or anaerobic conditions. One limitation related to the EAWAG-BBD-PPS is that this
- database cannot accurately predict transformation products of highly fluorinated compounds
- 112 containing carbons that are bonded with more fluorines than non-fluorine atoms.(7) For example,
- the EAWAG-BBD-PPS prediction stops at the formation of PFHpA for 6:2 FtTAoS without
- taking into account the recently reported oxidation pathways that can lead to the partial

- defluorination reactions that form products such as 6:2 FtUCA, 5:3 FtCA, PFPeA and PFBA. In
- 116 order to obtain a more comprehensive and up-to-date library, we compensated for this limitation
- by including perfluoroalkyl sulfonates and carboxylates and polyfluorinated biotransformation
- 118 products of 6:2 FtS and 6:2 fluorotelomer alcohol (FtOH) and 6:2 FtTAoS (aerobic pathways)
- 119 compiled from the experimental observations of recent studies.(3, 8-14)
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# 121 Verification of the automated suspect screening of HR-ESI-MS data.

122 The automated suspect screening process was examined using triplicate solutions 123 containing 32 PFAS standard compounds, including 18 perfluoroalkyl carboxylates and 124 sulfonates with carbon chain lengths ranging from four to 18, 11 fluorotelomers and three 125 perfluorosulfonamides (Table S4). The concentration of each of the 32 standard compounds in 126 the solution was around 17 µg/L, which accounted for approximately 0.6-3% (mol) mass of 127 initially amended 6:2 FtTAoS concentration used in the HR-ESI-MS analysis. A blank control 128 consisting of only water and methanol was included along with the triplicate solutions during 129 SPE treatments and mass spectrometry analysis to remove background ions before matching the

130 measured ion accurate masses (m/z) to the library masses during the verification experiments. 131 Two libraries of PFASs were used to assess the efficacy and accuracy of the suspect

131 Two libraries of PFASs were used to assess the efficacy and accuracy of the suspect 132 screening method for positive and false positive and negative identifications. The library 133 consisted of all 32 standard compounds, referred as the "standard library". The other library was 134 the prediction library as described above. Less than five ppm mass deviation between measured 135 and library masses indicated a positive identification. False positives were defined as masses that 136 were not included in the 32 listed standard compounds, but were recognized by the analysis

- using the prediction library. False negatives were defined as compounds that were present in the
- mass spectra of 32 PFAS solution but failed to match either library by the automated screening.
- 139 Our tests indicate that 31 of the 32 standard compounds at the tested concentrations can be
- 140 detected by HR-ESI-MS and identified by our automated analysis. Most of these 31 compounds
- 141 were detected in all three replicated mixed solutions, except for four compounds, namely, PFBA,
- 142 PFPeA, 8:2FtCA, and 8:2 Zonyl FSA, which were only found in two of the triplicated mixtures.
- 143 Since these compounds could be quantitatively analyzed by LC-MS/MS, the inability to detect 144 them using HR-ESI-MS did not affect our analysis. The analysis using the prediction library of
- 144 them using HK-ESI-MS did not affect our analysis. The analysis using the prediction fibrary of 145 78 compounds showed only one false positive (m/z 468.9791). These analyses indicated the
- 146 effectiveness of our automated matching method with HR-ESI-MS data.
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# 148 Mass spectrometry analysis and workflow for identifying transformation products.

For suspect screening, we developed a Python script (version 2.7) to perform an automated analysis (Figure S1). Briefly, the mass spectra were first filtered with a mass-defect analysis in order to focus on masses that are potential PFASs.(1) A band ranging from -0.15 to 0.15 Da was used as the mass defect filter as previously reported.(15) The coverage efficiency of this filter was tested against the potential transformation products (predicted from EAWAG-BBD-PPS) of which all mass defect values were found in the range. Matching between measured and suspect library masses was performed on all samples and controls (Figure S1).

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# 157 HR-ESI-MS and HR-naonESI-MS/MS for identifying transformation products.

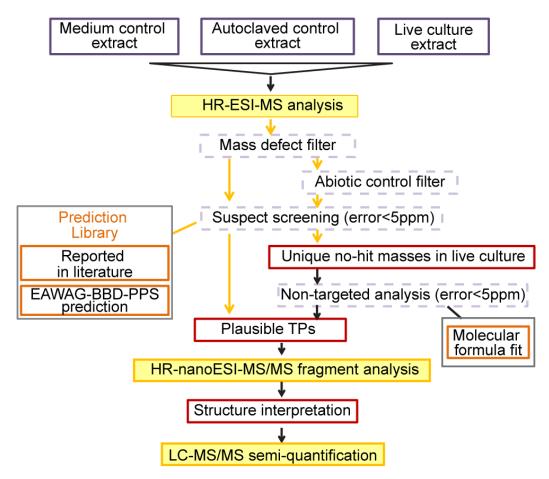
Accurate mass data were obtained at QB3/Mass spectrometry Facility at the University of California, Berkeley. Samples were analyzed on Finnigan LTQ FT mass spectrometer (Thermo Figher Scientific) equipmed with electrogrammy ionization (ESD) sources in presetive ion mode in

160 Fischer Scientific) equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) source in negative ion mode in

161 the m/z range 100-1000. Samples were dissolved in methanol (0.1% ammonium hydroxide, v/v)

- 162 with a final concentration of 1-3  $\mu$ M and were directly infused via syringe pump at the rate 5
- 163  $\mu$ L/min. Xcalibur<sup>TM</sup> software (version 2.0.7, Thermo) was used for both data acquisition and data
- 164 analysis. For suspect screening, we used an in-house automated analysis to match accurate mass
- 165 measurements to a list of exact masses of potential biotransformation products (Figure S1). The
- 166 masses that had no match in the prediction library were selected for the non-targeted analysis
- 167 only when they were present in higher relative abundance in live cultures than in the controls and
- 168 with a relative ion abundance greater than 1% (relative to the most abundant ion; Figure S1). The
- 169 molecular formula fit was manually performed using Xcalibur<sup>™</sup> software.
- Compound identification was considered tentatively positive when (1) the error of the
   HR-ESI-MS accurate mass to the exact mass of potential transformation product was no more
   than 5 ppm; and (2) significant differences in HR-ESI-MS ion abundance between live and
   control microcosms were observed.
- 174 The majority of fragment ions of proposed structures were analyzed using High-
- 175 resolution (HR) nanoESI MS/MS (HR-nanoESI-MS/MS) in the negative ion mode (Synapt G2-
- 176 S*i*, Waters, Milford, MA) over the m/z range of 50-1000. (Figure S3). The in-silico
- 177 fragmentation interpretation was performed with the software, ACD/MS fragmenter 2015
- 178 (Advanced Chemical Development, Toronto, ON, Canada), with a setting that considered all
- 179 possible fragmentation reactions. The structures of fragment ions were proposed using ACD/MS
- 180 fragmenter software with mass errors less than 5 mDa or 15 ppm between the observed accurate
- 181 mass and the theoretical exact mass of proposed fragments.(15) Since the structure of 6:2 FtTP
- 182 was confirmed by the standard reference, Zonyl FSA, its fragmentation spectrum was used as a
- 183 reference for other proposed structures that shared similar structure moiety with 6:2 FtTP.
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#### 186 Supplemental Figures and Tables



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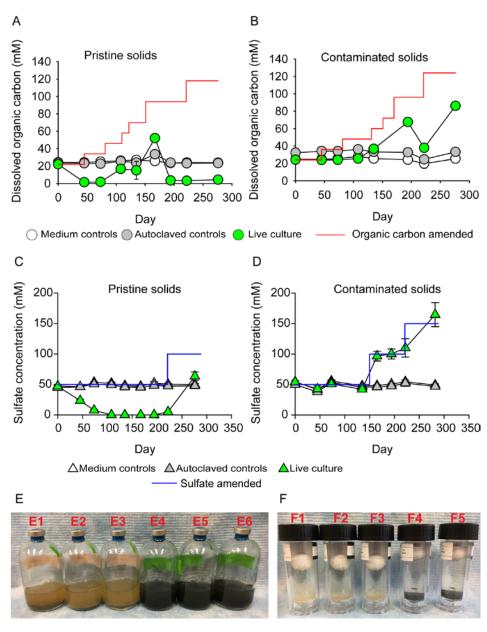
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**Figure S1.** Workflow that utilizes automated suspect screening in conjunction with manual nontargeted analysis to identify novel biotransformation products in AFFF-amended microcosms. A library of predicted biotransformation products was established with previously reported PFASs and predicted products of 6:2 FtTAoS from EAWAG-BBD-PPS. Automated suspect screening of HR-ESI-MS data was performed using this library on all live and control microcosm samples. The masses that were not matched during the suspect screening then underwent a non-targeted analysis that compares the full-scan HR-ESI-MS data among samples to focus on the candidate

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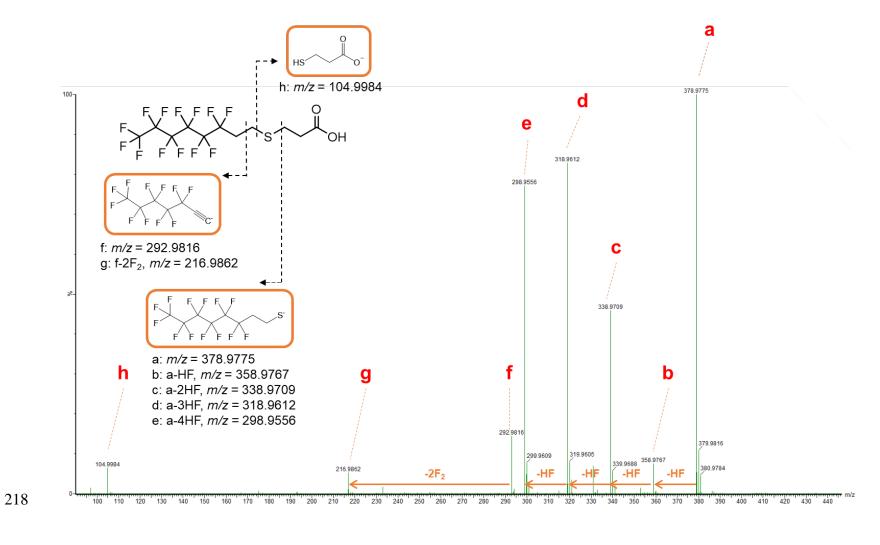
- 197 microcosms than controls for determining the molecular formulae. All plausible products were
- then analyzed for proposed structures using HR-nanoESI-MS/MS and quantified (or semiquantified) using LC-MS/MS. Yellow arrows indicate the automated screening that was
- quantified) using LC-MS/MS. Yellow arrows indicate the automated screening that was
   performed using a Python script (version 2.7). Black arrows indicate manual analyses. "TPs"
- 201 stands for transformation products.
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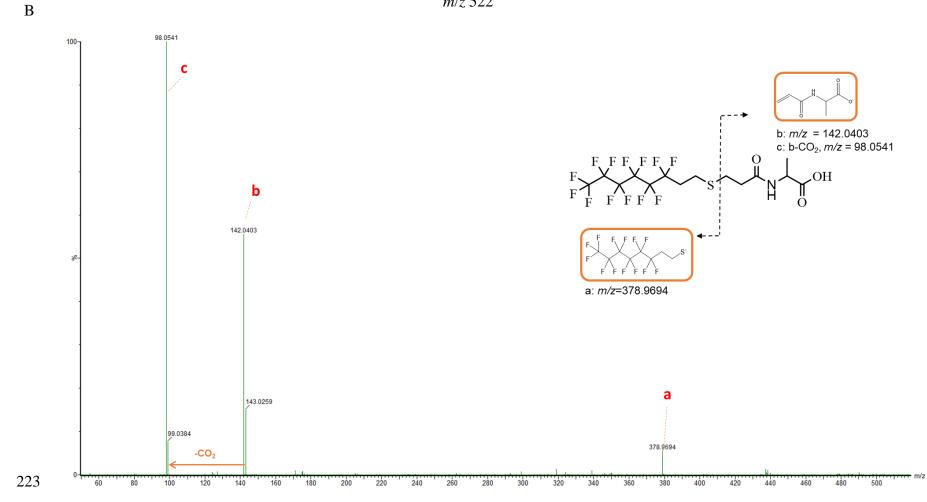
205 Figure S2. Dissolved organic carbon concentrations and sulfate concentrations in pristine (A, C) or contaminated (B, D) microcosms. The red and blue lines represent the total amended organic 206 207 carbon and sulfate concentrations that were calculated from amended concentrations, 208 respectively (Table S1). Error bars represent the standard deviation of averages from triplicate 209 microcosms. The autoclaved (E1-3) and live (E4-6) microcosms that were inoculated with 210 contaminated solids (E). The Biological Activity Reaction Tests (BARTs; Hach, Loveland, CO) 211 for sulfate-reducing bacteria (F). F1, autoclaved microcosms ( $50 \times$  dilution); F2-3, autoclaved 212 live microcosms ( $50 \times$  dilution); F4-5, live microcosms ( $50 \times$  dilution).

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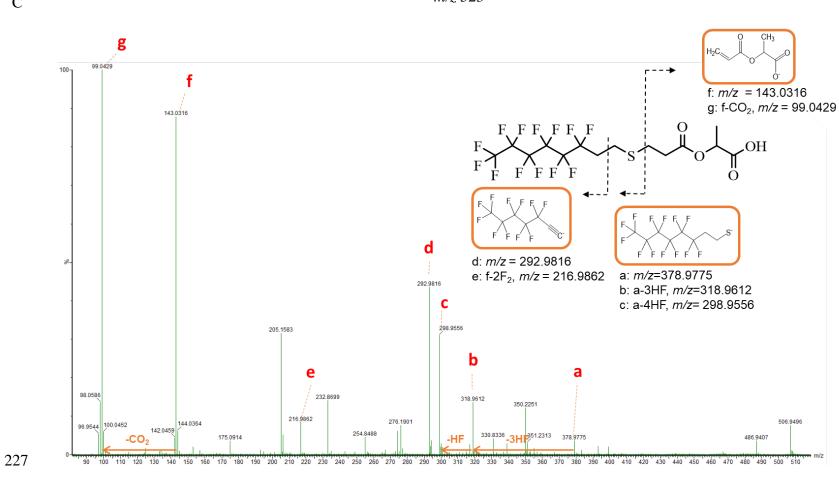
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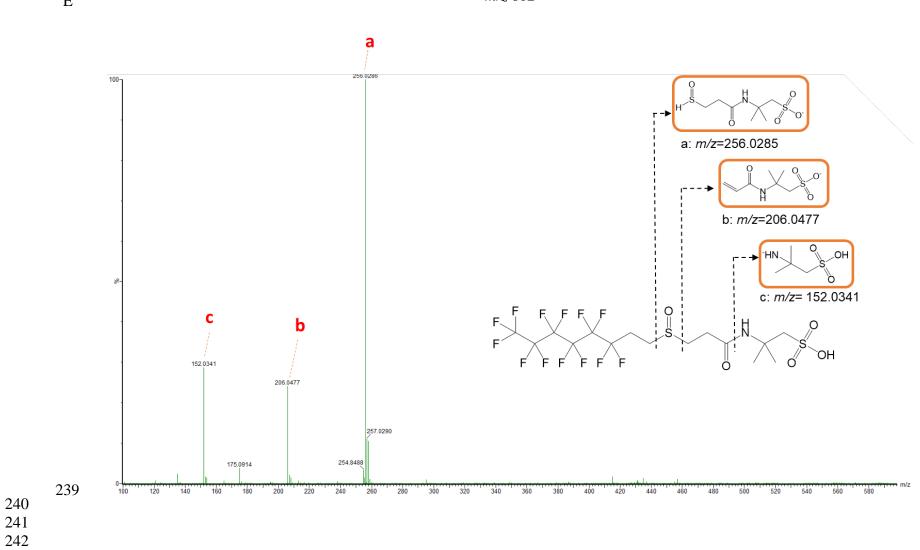
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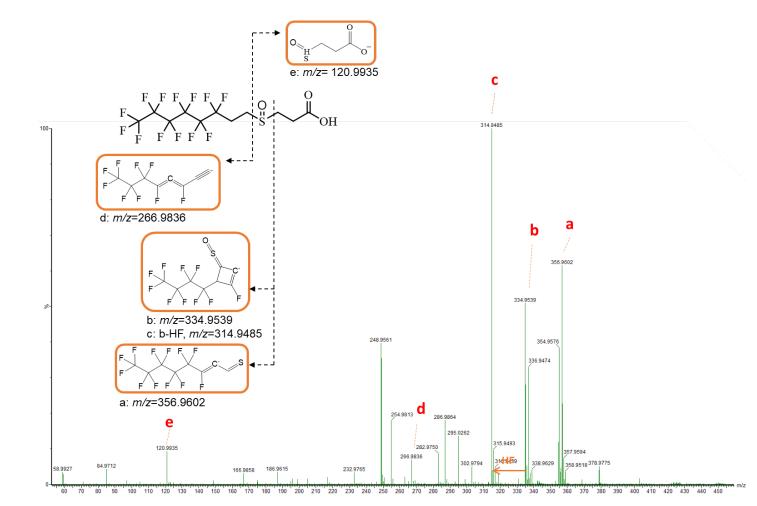
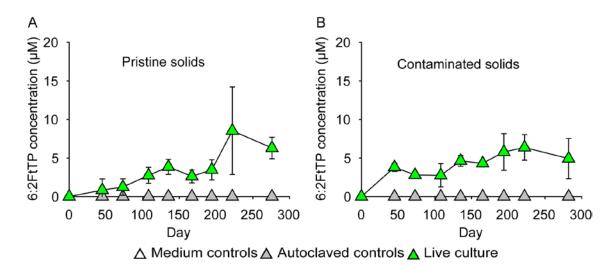


Figure S3. High resolution nanoESI MS/MS spectra and *in silico* fragment interpretation. The structure shown was proposed by the software, ACD/MS fragmenter 2015 (Advanced Chemical Development, Toronto, ON, Canada) with mass errors less than 5 mDa or

- 15 ppm relative to the theoretical exact mass of proposed fragments. Exact mass and error of proposed fragments is shown in Table S5.
- 250 A, *m/z* 415; B, *m/z* 522; C, *m/z* 523; D, *m/z* 593; E, *m/z* 602; F, *m/z* 467.



**Figure S4.** Production of 6:2 FtTP (*m*/*z* 451) during 6:2 FtTAoS biotransformation was

253 confirmed and semi-quantified using a commercially available standard reference, Zonyl FSA.

Error bars represent the standard deviation of averages from triplicate microcosms. A, pristine

255 solids; B, contaminated solids.

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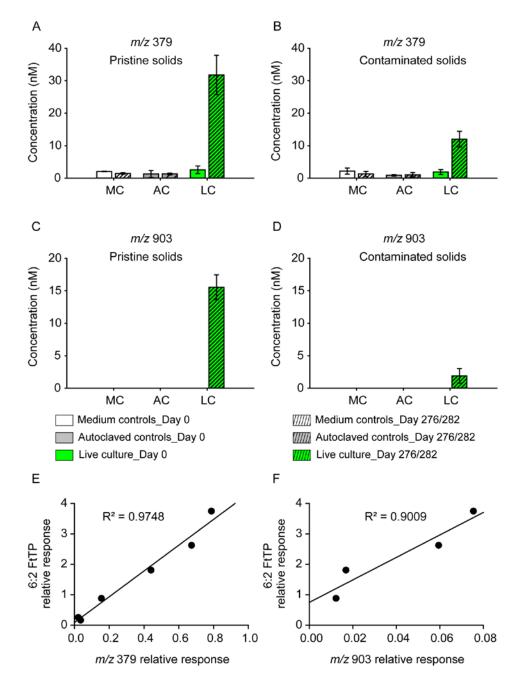


Figure S5. Semi-quantification of m/z 379 (A, B) and 903 (C, D) based on the estimation of molar response using the calibration of the parent compound, 6:2 FtTAoS. MC, AC, and LC stand for medium controls, autoclaved controls and live culture, respectively. Error bars show the standard deviation of the average value obtained from triplicate microcosms. The correlation of instrumental relative responses of 6:2 FtTP and m/z 379 (E) or m/z 903 (F) in the standard solutions of Zonyl FSA.

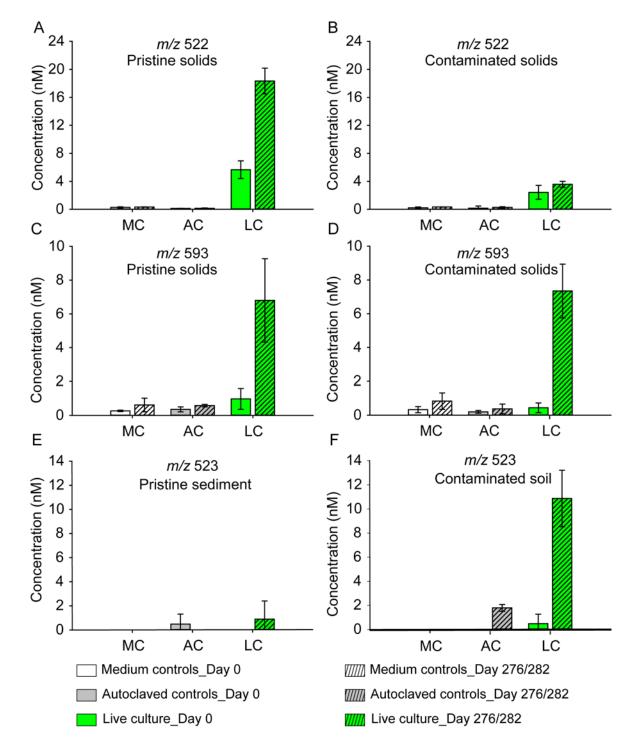
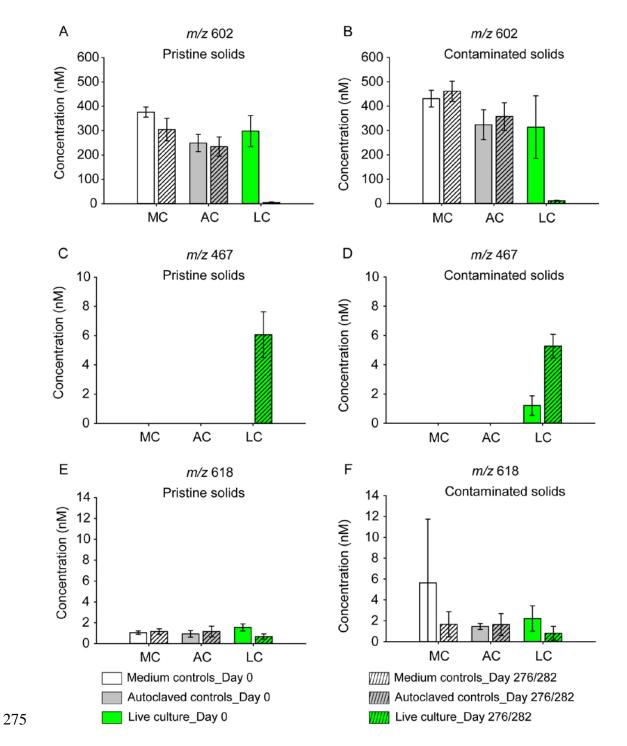
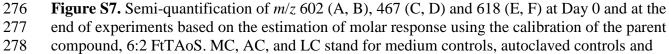


Figure S6. Concentrations of newly identified transformation products at Day 0 and at the end of
experiments. These intermediates were semi-quantified based on the estimation of molar
response using the calibration of the parent compound, 6:2 FtTAoS. MC, AC, and LC stand for
medium control, autoclaved control and live culture, respectively. Error bars show the standard
deviation of the averages from biological triplicates. *m/z* 522, A, B; *m/z* 593, C, D; *m/z* 523, E, F.

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- 279 live culture, respectively. Error bars show the standard deviation of the average value obtained
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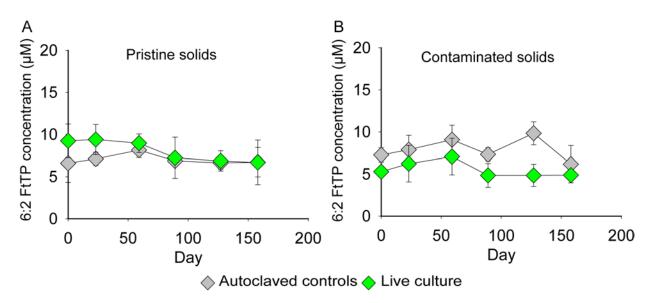
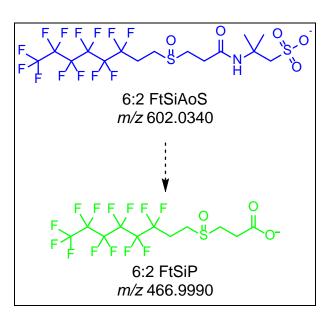


Figure S8. Concentrations of 6:2 FtTP in autoclaved and live microcosms amended with Zonyl
 FSA. Error bars show the standard deviation of averages of triplicate microcosms. A, pristine
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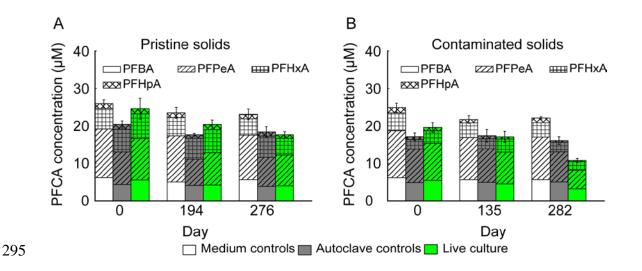
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- Figure S9. Hydrolysis reaction that was possibly responsible for the removal of 6:2 FtSiAoS and the generation of 6:2 FtSiP. Level of confidence in the structures identified using high-resolution mass spectrometry: blue, possible structures (Level 2); green, tentative candidates (Level 3).(16)
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296 **Figure S10.** Total oxidative precursor (TOP) assay of microcosms constructed with pristine

- solids (A) or contaminated solids (B). Error bars show the standard deviation of the average
- value obtained from biological triplicates. PFCA, perfluoroalkyl carboxylate; The structures of
- 299 PFBA, PFPeA, PFHxA, and PFHpA are displayed in Table S2.

			Medium				
			composition	Carbon source &	Electron		Initial
Conditions	Replicates	Inoculum	(50 ml)*	electron donor*	acceptor*†	AFFF*	DGBE*
Pristine							
Medium Control	3	Nil					
Autoclaved Control	3	Autoclaved pristine					
		solids					
Live Culture	3	Live pristine solids	Mineral salt medium		Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	50 µl	1.5 mN
Contaminated			+ Cysteine sulfide +	AFFF organics +DGBE	(50 mM)		
Medium Control	3	Nil	resazurin indicator				
Autoclaved Control	3	Autoclaved					
		contaminated solids					
Live Culture	3	Live contaminated					
		solids					

#### 300 **Table S1.** Microcosms setup conditions. (\*Conditions are the same in all live and control microcosms.)

 $\begin{array}{c} 301 \\ 302 \\ 303 \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{c} +1.5 \ (\text{or } 3 \text{ mM}) \text{ DGBE was provided on days } 46, 82, 111, 123, 151 \ (3 \text{ mM}), \text{ and } 222 \ (3 \text{ mM}) \text{ in pristine microcosms and on days } 46, 82, 132, 151, 171 \ (3 \text{ mM}) \\ 302 \\ 303 \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{c} +1.5 \ (\text{or } 3 \text{ mM}) \text{ DGBE was provided on days } 46, 82, 111, 123, 151 \ (3 \text{ mM}), \text{ and } 222 \ (3 \text{ mM}) \text{ in contaminated microcosms}. 50 \text{ mM Na}_2 \text{SO}_4 \text{ was amended on days } 151 \ (\text{for contaminated microcosms}) \text{ and } 222 \ (\text{for both pristine and contaminated microcosms}). \end{array}$ 

Acronym	Structure	Name used in this study (previously reported names (Reference))*
PFBA		Perfluorobutanoate
PFPeA		Perfluoropentanoate
PFHxA		Perfluorohexanoate
PFHpA		Perfluoroheptanoate
PFOA		Perfluorooctanoate
PFNA	F F F F F F O F F F F F F F O F F F F F	Perfluoronanoate
PFDA	FFFFFFF FFFFFFFF	Perfluorodecanoate
PFUdA	F F F F F F F F O F F F F F F F F F F	Perfluoroundecanoate
PFDoA	F F F F F F F F O F F F F F F F F F F F	Perfluorododecanoate
6:2 FtS		6:2 <u>F</u> luoro <u>t</u> elomer <u>s</u> ulfonate

# 304 **Table S2.** Structures and names of PFASs present in this study.

6:2 FtTAoS	F = F = F = F	6:2 <u>Fluorotelomer thioether amido</u> <u>s</u> ulfonate (n:2 tridecaFluoroAlkylThia PropanoAmido-MethylPropylSulfonate, n:2 Fluorotelomer Thio Amido Sulfonate (15))
6:2 FtTP		6:2 <u>Fluorotelomer thioether propionate</u> ( <i>n</i> :2 heptadecaFluoroDecylThia Propanic acid (15))
6:2 FtTPIA		6:2 <u>F</u> luoro <u>t</u> elomer <u>t</u> hioether <u>p</u> ropanoy <u>l</u> <u>a</u> lanine
6:2 FtTPoP		6:2 <u>Fluorotelomer thioether propanoyl</u> oxy propanoate (6:2 FtTPoP)
6:2 FtTPlAA	F = F = F = F = F = O = O = O = O = O =	6:2 <u>F</u> luoro <u>t</u> elomer <u>t</u> hioether <u>p</u> ropanoy <u>l</u> <u>a</u> lanyl <u>a</u> laninate
6:2 FtSiP <sup>3</sup>		6:2 <u>F</u> luoro <u>t</u> elomer <u>s</u> ulfinyl <u>p</u> ropanoate
6:2 FtSiAoS		6:2 <u>F</u> luoro <u>t</u> elomer <u>s</u> ulf <u>i</u> nyl <u>a</u> mido <u>s</u> ulfonate
6:2 FtSoAoS	F F F F F F F F F F	6:2 <u>Fluorotelomer sulfo</u> nyl <u>a</u> mido <u>s</u> ulfonate ( <i>n</i> :2 tridecaFluoroAlkyl Sulfonyl(SO2) PropanoAmido-MethylPropylSulfonate (15))

\* The naming strategy and acronyms of the newly identified transformation products were adapted from literature precedents of the fluorotelomer compounds. The newly identified transformation products were named using a n:2 format to represent the backbone of perfluorinated and unsubstituted carbon numbers. Additional groups were named starting from the immediate end adjacent to the backbone carbon chain. Since all the transformation products were used in the names.

Name	Internal	Molecular	Quantifier	Qualifier ion	Fragmentor	Collision	D. 1	Standard
Name	standard	ion $(m/z)$	ion ( <i>m/z</i> )	(m/z)	voltage (V)	energy (V)	Polarity	reference
6:2 FtTP ( <i>m</i> /z 451)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	451	379	105	60	10	negative	Zonyl FSA
6:2 FtSiP ( <i>m</i> /z 467)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	467	315	59	60	20	negative	6:2 FtTAoS
6:2 FtTP1A ( <i>m</i> /z 522)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	522	142	98	90	10	negative	6:2 FtTAoS
6:2 FtTPoP ( <i>m</i> /z 523)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	523	357	144	135	30	negative	6:2 FtTAoS
6:2 FtTPIAA ( <i>m</i> /z 593)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	593	213	152	90	10	negative	6:2 FtTAoS
6:2 FtSiAoS ( <i>m</i> /z 602)	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	602	256	206	135	40	negative	6:2 FtTAoS
<i>m/z</i> 618	[ <sup>13</sup> C2]6:2 FtS	618	206	152	30	30	negative	6:2 FtTAoS

312	Table S3. Quadrupole LC-MS/MS	methods for novel biotransformation products identified in this study.
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	Standard	Exact	Nominal	Perfluoro	Conc	:. in			Accurate n	nass ( $m/z$ )		
No	library	mass	mass	-chain	mixt	ure	(HR-ESI-MS)					
	Name	m/z	m/z		(µg/L)	nM	Mix1	Error (ppm)	Mix2	Error (ppm)	Mix3	Error (ppm)
1	PFBA	212.9787	213	4	18	84						
2	PFPeA	262.9754	263	5	18	68	262.9762	3.04			262.976	2.28
3	PFHxA	312.9723	313	6	18	57	312.973	2.24	312.9732	2.88	312.973	2.24
4	PFHpA	362.9691	363	7	18	49	362.9698	1.93	362.9698	1.93	362.9698	1.93
5	PFOA	412.9659	413	8	18	43	412.9667	1.94	412.9667	1.94	412.9667	1.94
6	PFNA	462.9627	463	9	18	39	462.9635	1.73	462.9635	1.73	462.9636	1.94
7	PFDA	512.9595	513	10	18	35	512.9603	1.56	512.9603	1.56	512.9604	1.75
8	PFuDA	562.9564	563	11	18	32	562.9568	0.71	562.9569	0.89	562.9569	0.89
9	PFdDA	612.9532	613	12	18	29	612.9536	0.65	612.9536	0.65	612.9536	0.65
10	PFtrDA	662.9500	663	13	18	27	662.9503	0.45	662.9504	0.60	662.9505	0.75
11	PFtDA	712.9468	713	14	18	25	712.9474	0.84	712.9474	0.84	712.9475	0.98
12	PFhDA	812.9405	813	16	18	22	812.9415	1.23	812.9415	1.23	812.9416	1.35
13	PFoDA	912.9341	913	18	18	20	912.9357	1.75	912.9357	1.75	912.9357	1.75
14	PFBS	298.9424	299	4	18	60	298.9431	2.34	298.9432	2.68	298.9432	2.68
15	PFHxS	398.9361	399	6	18	45	398.9369	2.01	398.9369	2.01	398.9369	2.01

**Table S4.** Standard PFASs used in the verification experiments for suspect-screening analysis of HR-ESI-MS accurate mass data.

16	PFHpS	448.933	449	7	18	40	448.9338	1.78	448.9338	1.78	448.9338	1.78
17	PFOS	498.9298	499	8	18	36	498.9304	1.20	498.9305	1.40	498.9305	1.40
18	PFDS	598.9234	599	10	18	30	598.9236	0.33	598.9236	0.33	598.9237	0.50
19	4:2 FtS	326.9737	327	4	17	51	326.9744	2.14	326.9745	2.45	326.9746	2.75
20	6:2 FtS	426.9673	427	6	16	38	426.9682	2.11	426.9682	2.11	426.9682	2.11
21	8:2 FtS	526.9609	527	8	16	31	526.9616	1.33	526.9616	1.33	526.9617	1.52
22	6:2 FtTP	451.0038	451	6	17	38	451.0047	2.00	451.0047	2.00	451.0047	2.00
23	8:2 FtTP	550.9974	551	8					550.9954	-3.63	550.9978	0.73
24	6:2 FtTAoS	586.0392	586	6	17	28	586.0397	0.85	586.0396	0.68	586.0397	0.85
25	6:2 PAP	442.9717	443	6	17	37	442.9727	2.26	442.9727	2.26	442.9731	3.16
26	8:2 PAP	542.9655	543	8	17	31	542.966	0.92	542.9659	0.74	542.9658	0.55
27	6:2 diPAP	788.9745	789	6	17	21	788.9756	1.39	788.9757	1.52	788.9758	1.65
28	8:2 diPAP	988.962	989	8	16	17	988.9629	0.91	988.9629	0.91	988.9632	1.21
29	8:2FtCA	476.9784	477	8	17	35	476.9785	0.21	476.9792	1.68		
30	FOSA	497.9457	498	8	17	33	497.9464	1.41	497.9464	1.41	497.9465	1.61
31	FOSAA	555.9512	556	8	17	30	555.9517	0.90	555.9517	0.90	555.9518	1.08
32	MeFOSAA	569.9669	570	8	17	30	569.9671	0.35	569.9672	0.53	569.9672	0.53
33	False										468.9791	1.28

positive

315 316 Error: mass error (ppm); False positives were defined as masses that were not included in the 32 listed standard compounds, but were recognized by the automated matching analysis using the prediction library.

- 317 **Table S5.** Annotated fragments of HR-nanoESI-MS/MS analysis based on in-silico fragment
- analysis using the software, ACD/MS fragmenter 2015 (Advanced Chemical Development,

Toronto, ON, Canada) or the reference spectrum of 6:2 FtTP. The MS/MS spectra and the

	Theoretical	Observed	E	rror	Proposed
	exact mass	accurate mass	(ppm)	(mDa)	formula
<i>m/z</i> 45	51				
а	378.9832	378.9775	15.0	5.7	C8H4F13S-
b	358.9769	358.9767	0.6	0.2	C8H3F12S-
c	338.9707	338.9709	0.6	0.2	C8H2F11S-
d	318.9645	318.9612	10.4	3.3	C8HF10S-
e	298.9582	298.9556	8.7	2.6	C8F9S-
f	292.9830	292.9816	4.8	1.4	C7F11-
g	216.9894	216.9862	14.8	3.2	C7F7-
h	105.0016	104.9984	30.5	3.2	C3H5O2S-
<i>m/z</i> 52	2*				
а	378.9832	378.9694	36.4	13.8	C8H4F13S-
b	142.0510	142.0403	75.3	10.7	C6H8NO3-
c	98.0611	98.0541	71.4	7.0	C5H8NO-
<i>m/z</i> , 52	.3				
а	378.9832	378.9775	15.0	5.7	C8H4F13S-
b	318.9645	318.9612	10.3	3.3	C8HF10S-
c	298.9583	298.9556	8.7	2.6	C8F9S-
d	292.9830	292.9816	4.7	1.4	C7F11-
e	216.9894	216.9862	14.6	3.2	C7F7-
f	143.0350	143.0316	23.6	3.4	C6H7O4-
g	99.0452	99.0429	22.7	2.3	C5H7O2-
<i>m/z</i> 59	03				
а	378.9832	378.9779	14.0	5.3	C8H4F13S-
b	213.0881	213.0850	14.5	3.1	C9H13N2O4
c	195.0775	195.0743	16.4	3.2	C9H11N2O3
d	124.0404	124.0390	11.3	1.4	C6H6NO2-
<i>m/z</i> 60	02				
а	256.0319	256.0286	12.9	3.3	C7H14NO5S2
b	206.0493	206.0477	7.8	1.6	C7H12NO4S
с	152.0387	152.0341	30.3	4.6	C4H10NO3S
m/z 46	57				
а	356.9612	356.9602	2.8	1	C8HF12S-
b	334.9593	334.9539	16.1	5.4	C8HF10OS-
с	314.9532	314.9485	14.9	4.7	C8F9OS-

320 proposed fragment structures are shown in Figure S2.

d	266.9862	266.9836	9.7	2.6	C8F9-
e	120.9929	120.9935	5.0	0.6	C3H5O3S-

321 \* Standard reference of 6:2FtTP (m/z 451) showed the same fragment with m/z at 378.9694.

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