

## UUCC Forums That Matter March 5



The graphic features a background of red and white plastic pellets. On the left, two small portrait photos of speakers are shown. The text 'PLASTICS ARE IN US' is written in large, blue, bold letters across the bottom left. On the right, the event details are listed: 'Sunday March 5 9:00-10:00 AM'. Below this is the '2022-23 UCC FORUMS' logo, which includes a stylized flame and two columns. At the bottom right is the 'SIERRA CLUB OHIO' logo, featuring a green tree icon.

### Plastics are Everywhere - Including in Us

In an attempt to move from carbon-based fuels, including Ohio-fracked natural gas and oil, the petrochemical industry is offering Ohioans an opportunity to utilize excess fracked material for manufacturing products such as plastic and resins on the Ohio River Valley.

In the manufacture of consumer plastic products, a by-product is PFAS or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl. These unaltered substances will be released into the air, water and soil. Drinking water already contains trace amounts of PFAS substances. What is the impact on our health and quality of life?

#### Speakers:

Randi Pokladnik, PhD, retired Research Chemist, Environmental Activist  
Emily Obringer, Conservation Program Coordinator, Sierra Club

In person at 21600 Shaker Blvd. in Shaker Hts.  
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