

How should we
dispose of

toxic
firefighting
foam?



We released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) about the collection and disposal of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), used by municipal fire departments to extinguish liquid fuel-based fires. AFFF contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are toxic chemicals that can contaminate soil, surface water, groundwater, and drinking water.

As directed by the Washington State Legislature, we're developing a program to assist municipal fire departments with the safer disposal of unused AFFF. **The DEIS will help us determine a safer alternative for disposal.**

Here's how to be involved:

Information Session

An informal online meeting where you'll learn more about the DEIS in a presentation by our staff and you can ask questions. We won't collect formal public comments in this meeting.

📅 Jan. 17, 10:00–11:30 am.

🔗 us02web.zoom.us/j/89520569255

To request live interpretation in another language, contact Sean Smith by Jan. 3:

✉ sean.smith@ecy.wa.gov

☎ 425-324-0328

Public Hearing

A formal online hearing where you can submit verbal or written public comments on the DEIS, following a brief overview by Ecology staff. We'll collect formal public comments for the DEIS record.

📅 Jan. 31, 1:00–4:00 pm.

🔗 us02web.zoom.us/j/88449630921

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Submit Written Comments

The public comment period is open from Dec. 20, 2023, to Feb. 5, 2024.

You can submit written comments any time at:

💬 ecology.wa.gov/AFFF-comment

✉ AFFFDisposal@ecy.wa.gov

🏠 P.O. Box 330316, Shoreline, WA 98133

Written comments will receive the same consideration as verbal comments given at the public hearing. For guidance on how to submit comments, see:

🔗 ecology.wa.gov/SEPAguidance-commenting

To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology at 360-407-6700 or hwtrpubs@ecy.wa.gov, or visit ecology.wa.gov/accessibility. For Relay Service or TTY, call 711 or 877-833-6341.



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