

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520569255)


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

 [sean.smith@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sean.smith@ecy.wa.gov)

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### 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](https://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](https://ecology.wa.gov/AFFF-comment)

 [AFFFDisposal@ecy.wa.gov](mailto: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](https://ecology.wa.gov/SEPAguidance-commenting)

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