



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Dear Interested Party,

The Washington State Department of Ecology is launching the [Aqueous Film-Forming Foam \(AFFF\) disposal program](#) to support fire departments in Washington state. This initiative addresses the urgent need to safely manage and dispose of AFFF, a firefighting foam that contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Ecology's AFFF disposal program covers the costs of disposal for qualifying Washington municipal fire departments and public first responders. That's especially important for smaller fire departments with less funding. In Washington state, waste with PFAS is classified as dangerous waste. State regulations require dangerous waste to be disposed of at a facility permitted under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

After completing an [extensive review](#) of disposal methods for AFFF, Ecology chose to dispose of the foam at the Clean Harbors RCRA-permitted incinerator in Aragonite, Utah. Under Ecology's program, Clean Harbors, a permitted hazardous waste hauler, will collect approximately 32,000 gallons of AFFF from 77 participating fire stations, mostly in an around the Puget Sound region. Foam may be taken to a 10-day hold facility for consolidation or transported directly on to the disposal facility. Collected foam will be transported in compliance with local, state, and federal hazardous waste regulations, including U.S. Department of Transportation rules. Foam will be transported to Utah, primarily on interstate highways such as I-5, I-90, and I-82. Clean Harbors only transports hazardous waste on authorized routes.

Clean Harbors will begin collection and transportation in late September and continue through the winter.

For questions about the AFFF disposal program, please contact:

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