

PFAS Alternatives Assessment

July 25, 2019 update

Product/Sector Scope Survey: We are seeking information and data from interested parties to guide Ecology's selection of food packaging products addressed by the alternatives assessment. The goal is to identify a manageable and meaningful product scope that allows us to prepare a scientifically justifiable assessment that both meets the requirements of the law and stays within the budget allocated by the Legislature. This survey closed 7/31/2019.

PFAS "Base-case" Update: Ecology's alternatives assessment methodology is based on the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse Alternatives Assessment [Guide](#). The guidance includes a process to compare an existing chemical of concern with potentially safer alternative solutions. The base-case substance is food contact notification (FCN) 604 (599). This FCN covers Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers (CASRN) 863408-20-2 and 1225273-44-8. Further information on these substances can be viewed at the [US FDA](#).

Peer Review Process: Ecology is in discussions with the [Washington State Academy of Sciences](#) (Academy) to manage and perform the peer review of Ecology's food packaging work as required by RCW 70.95G. The Academy is a "nonprofit entity independent of government" formed to provide scientific analysis and recommendations on technical questions for state government ([RCW 70.220](#)).

Project Timeline Extended: Due to project delays, Ecology has elected to extend the performance period for the SRC contract with Ecology to April 2020. Ecology's final report preparation, internal reviews and external peer review work are expected to be complete by the Fall of 2020.