

September 24, 2019 Update:

New PFAS in Food Packaging AA Website: To improve interested party communication, Ecology is developing a website dedicated solely to the PFAS in Food Packaging AA that will be separate from the current PFAS CAP. Interested parties will be alerted when this website is available.

Product/Sector Scope Survey: A Product Scoping Call was conducted on September 11, 2019 to hear additional feedback from respondents to the product scoping survey. Invitees to the call included survey respondents and others who requested an invitation. A summary of the product scoping survey results and a tentative scoping strategy were presented. The slides of the presentation with the tentative scoping strategy are available here: https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1962/Documents/PFAS/Scoping_survey_follow-up_call_091119.pdf

The tentative scoping strategy limits the scope of the assessment to **paper wraps and liners**. We are also **considering adding bags and sleeves to this scope**. A tentative list of potential alternatives was also proposed. Under the RCW 70.95G, Ecology must continue reviewing potential alternatives if safer alternatives are not identified “for some or all categories of food packaging applications.” Paper wraps and liners would serve as a first phase of this work. Other applications such as containers, serviceware, pet food bags, etc., will be prioritized for further consideration.

SRC is seeking comments from all interested parties on the tentative scoping strategy. Please forward comments to Jenn Rhoades (rhoades@srcinc.com) by October 11, 2019. It is our goal to have a finalized list of candidate alternatives by mid-October.

Hazard and Exposure Modules: Hazard and Exposure Methodology and decision rules related to the hazard and exposure modules are under development and will be distributed to interested parties (Hazard by the end of September, Exposure in the coming weeks). These documents should help address interested party’s questions about the data needs and how manufacturer/supplier information will be incorporated into this assessment. We recognize that the alternatives assessment approach is new to many folks. The Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) Alternatives Assessment Guide v1.1 will serve as basis for our approach. It can be accessed via this link: http://theic2.org/alternatives_assessment_guide.

Upcoming Topics: We are planning the following topics for discussion with interested parties over the next few months. At high-level this will include:

- Data needs for performance (October)
- Data needs for cost & availability (November)

Thank you for participating in the PFAS in Food Packaging AA. The input and information you provide is very important for this process. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out. All information pertaining to the AA is located on the WA PFAS CAP website: <https://www.ezview.wa.gov/?alias=1962&pageid=37105>