

HANDLING AND USE OF CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAMS



Following the detection of PFAS in many states, fire departments across the country are minimizing their use of Class B AFFF foams in order to protect human health and the environment. The Office of the State Fire Commissioner developed guidelines to assist in this effort of reducing contamination and exposure to the PFAS in Class B foams.

ONLY USE CLASS B AFFF FOAMS FOR

Life-saving situations and critical infrastructure



Hydrocarbon fires



Alcohol-based products



Aviation fires



ALWAYS

- ✓ Contain water runoff from Class B foams
- ✓ Train with Class A foams
- ✓ Purchase PFAS-free foams

DO NOT

- ✗ Dispose of Class B AFFF
- ✗ Train with Class B foams
- ✗ Test with Class B foams

*AFFF (Aqueous film forming foam) contains per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Questions about PFAS in firefighting foam?

Contact the State Fire Commissioner's office by calling 800-670-3473 or by emailing RA-Fire@pa.gov