

WA Chemical Policy Forum
Meeting #32 NOTES
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
1:00-2:30pm

Forum Purpose: Stimulate action and development of chemical and hazardous waste policy, research, and policy implementation through information sharing, networking, and collaborative problem solving.

Meeting Topic: AFFF Disposal and Legislative Update

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Meeting Desired Outcomes:

- Share overview and engage discussion around AFFF disposal
- Preview the upcoming legislative session

Agenda

- I. Welcome, review of agenda
- II. Sean Smith, Department of Ecology: AFFF Disposal Program
 - a. Q&A / Discussion
 - i. The estimates that we see now are half of what we had anticipated. No specific feedback from fire departments, but we didn't ask them to do a detailed inventory in the initial ask, only estimates.
 - ii. If you were to petition or get approval for a collection program, would you have to go through another EIS?
 1. Short answer is that we'd have to do a supplemental EIS and an additional analysis.
 - iii. Is there a monitoring program attached to this (e.g., ground water)?
 1. Unsure specifically, but TTP is monitoring and Washington is engaged in litigation about manufacturing of AFFF.
 - iv. Can we still use test boxes for the foam?
 1. The FAA will allow airports to use those boxes, but they'll have to be modified to some degree. F3 foam is a little more viscous compared to AFFF, so some changes need to be made to allow for the mixture to flow through correctly.
 - v. Props to the program!
- III. Dave Ward, Hazardous Waste Management Program: Legislative Preview
 - a. Q&A/Discussion
 - i. Here's an example of a comment in the docket:
<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/DOJ-OLP-2025-0169-0232>
 - ii. [DOJ Seeks Comments on Burdensome State Laws](#)
- IV. Wrap-up