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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

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DIRECTOR

January 3, 2020

Re: Collection and Disposal of Class B AFFF Containing PFAs

Dear Michigan Fire Service,

I have been asked to share information regarding the collection and disposal of Class B Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAs) from Michigan fire departments.

In November 2019, US Ecology was awarded a contract from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (formerly the Department of Environmental Quality) to collect and properly dispose of Class B AFFF containing PFAs. The collection and disposal efforts officially started on December 12, 2019, with a kick-off press conference and an initial pick-up at the Lansing Fire Department. Currently, US Ecology is contacting the fire departments that participated in the Bureau of Fire Services' Class B AFFF survey to coordinate a date and time to collect any Class B AFFF containing PFAs that fire departments would like to turn in for proper disposal. Please refer to the attached letter from US Ecology dated November 21, 2019 for details regarding the collection and disposal program.

To date, a total 784 of the 1,030 fire departments in Michigan have participated the Bureau of Fire Services' Class B AFFF survey. Out of the 784 fire departments surveyed, a total of 336 have reported having 34,890 gallons of Class B AFFF that may contain PFAs. For those of you who participated in the survey, thank you. The data reported in the survey has been shared with US Ecology. ***For the remaining 246 fire departments, there is still a chance to participate in this survey and have any Class B AFFF disposed as part of this collection program.*** Please note: Any fire department that would like to participate in the collection and disposal program must complete the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFSFoam.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about the Class B AFFF survey, please contact me directly at 517-388-1761. ***For questions regarding the collection and disposal program,*** please contact US Ecology's project manager, Chad Vancoillie, at 248-961-1886.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Sehlmeyer
State Fire Marshal
Director, Bureau of Fire Services

Attachment: US Ecology Letter dated November 21, 2019

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November 21, 2019

Dear Michigan Fire Service:

In order to limit additional release of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) to the environment, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) and the Michigan Legislature have requested that fire departments collect and properly dispose of these materials. The majority of PFAs are concentrated in Class B Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF).

US Ecology has been selected to collect, consolidate and dispose of the AFFF under the State's Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Collection and Disposal contract. On behalf of State Fire Marshall, Kevin Sehlmeyer, and EGLE, US Ecology will be coordinating the collection, packaging and transportation of AFFF materials as reported by each fire department. In order to be eligible for this program, a fire department must have completed the survey conducted by the Fire Marshal and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. We'd like to thank those who have already completed this survey. US Ecology will be contacting each fire department that has Class B AFFF foam for disposal in the near future for scheduling

For those who would like to participate in the program but have not yet completed a survey, the survey can be found here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFSFoam. If you cannot access the survey online, you can also participate by sending an email to LARA-BFS@michigan.gov with the following information:

- Fire Department Name
- FDID Number
- Fire Department Address
- Fire Chief's Name
- Fire Chief's Contact Information
- Do you have Class B AFFF foam?
- Brand Name of Class B AFFF foam?
- Date of Manufacture of Class B AFFF foam?

- The amount of Class B AFFF foam containing PFAS you have at your fire station (in gallons)
- When was the last time you trained with Class B AFFF foam?
- In the last five (5) years, have you used Class B AFFF foam at an emergency incident?
    - If yes, please indicate the address (es) where the Class B AFFF foam was used.
- Do you have a policy or SOP/SOG on Class B AFFF foam use?
- Do you have a policy, SOP/SOG, or best practice for training using Class B AFFF foam?

The US Ecology team looks forward to assisting you with your Class B AFFF for disposal. The following team members will be working with you:

- Chad Vancoillie – Project Manager and primary contact for fire station representatives
- Thomas Dawda – Project Foreman
- Marc McDonald – Operations Manager

If you have any questions about the Class B AFFF Collection and Disposal Contract, feel free to contact Chad Vancoillie at 248.961.1886. Otherwise, please stand by as you will be hearing from us soon with regard to properly disposing of your station's Class B AFFF.

Sincerely,

Marc McDonald
US Ecology
Midwest Field Services – Operation Manager

Kevin Sehlmeyer
State Fire Marshal
Director, Bureau of Fire Services