

Port of Seattle

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Chemical Action Plan (CAP), and for the chance to participate as a member of the Advisory Committee during its drafting.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) supports the recommendations put forward in the Draft PFAS CAP and looks forward to working with the Department of Ecology through regulation and program development to guide the regulated community and give clarity to addressing this emerging contaminant of concern.

As you know, airports such as SEA are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and are required by federal regulations to use fluorinated aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) containing PFAS in our emergency response vehicles. Over the last 8 years SEA developed best management practices (BMPs) to minimize the release of these PFAS-containing foams to the environment. Testing of equipment required by regulations is now performed without spraying foam, and training with foam has not occurred at SEA since the early 1990's.

Over the last three years SEA has been actively engaged with the FAA, encouraging the agency to approve a non-fluorinated alternative foam that can be used to meet the airport certification requirements. We will continue this effort.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide these comments.