

Hazardous Waste Management Program

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Comments on Draft PFAS Chemical Action Plan

Dear Ms. Makarow:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Chemical Action Plan (CAP). We appreciate the thought, effort, and experience that has gone into developing this plan and are grateful for the extended comment period provided to accommodate for the impacts of end-of-year activities and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Hazardous Waste Management Program (Haz Waste Program) is a multi-jurisdictional local government program which serves the residents and businesses of King County. The Program is authorized by the Washington State Department of Ecology and works to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality. We do this by reducing the threat posed by the production, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials. With over 2 million residents, King County is the 13th most populous county in the United States. Coalition members include King County, City of Seattle, and the other cities, towns, and tribes within King County.

The Haz Waste Program works closely with Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD), who are our partner agencies. Haz Waste Program staff contributed to the detailed comments you will receive from PHSKC and KCSWD and supports those comments in their entirety. As you know, PFAS chemicals cause a range of health problems and persist in the environment. PFAS is a global pollutant, ubiquitous in our homes and environment, and has been found in an increasing variety of consumer products. This CAP will be an important step forward for Washington state in regulating these harmful chemicals.

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Thank you for considering these comments and those submitted by PHSKC and KCSWD. For further information about our comments or the Hazardous Waste Management Program, contact Tristen Pamphlet-Gardner, Haz Waste Program Policy Liaison, at tgardner@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-0400.

Sincerely,



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