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Environmental Impact Statement - PFAS in Firefighting Foam

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) uses PFAS containing firefighting foam as part of our suppression systems in the MT Baker, Mercer Island, and Montlake Lid Tunnels. WSDOT is looking for assistance in disposing of this foam. Currently, there is 17,755 gallons of PFAS containing firefighting foam in the lines and tanks that make up these three tunnel suppression systems. WSDOT is now evaluating alternate Ecology approved foam systems that can be used in existing and/or retrofitted systems. Funding has yet to be identified that will allow purchase of new Ecology approved foam or retrofit the systems where needed, thus it unclear when WSDOT will be able to dispose of the foam currently in place to suppress a fire. WSDOT has an additional 2,725 gallons of foam in drums that will also need disposal. In total WSDOT will need assistance to dispose of 20,525 gallons of PFAS containing firefighting foam.

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