

Tumwater Fire Department

We at Tumwater Fire have AFFF stored in 5-gallon pails and in the onboard foam tanks on our engines. We can surmise from the draft plan how we will go about disposing of the AFFF that resides in stored pails. We are concerned with how we will properly dispose of AFFF that resides right now in onboard 30-gallon tanks on each fire engine.

We can drain these tanks into empty 5-gallon pails and re-label them accordingly. Would this be acceptable? Then we could flush the foam systems including the tanks. This will require a large volume of water flow and result in diluted contaminant from our discharge to be released. Is the flushing acceptable and if so, where should this take place?

There is an interest here to transition to new foam so we can get the Legacy AFFF off the engines. We have not yet purchased any replacement for our legacy AFFF but we will as soon as we have a plan to transition.

Thank you, explicit guidance on this issue will be necessary.