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It is imperative this firefighting foam is removed ASAP from ALL WA stocks. It isn't a matter of "can" cause cancer; it WILL cause cancer to people who are exposed to it. It is absolutely unacceptable that WA government has not budgeted to have this completed before now- this has been a known issue for many years. The fact that the state hasn't remedied this situation shows a complete lack of concern for our firefighters, their families, the individuals who have had tragic fires & their families, pets, as well as the communities the foam is released in. Washington State prides itself on being forward thinking in it's environmental protection and justice. Yet, these chemicals kill fish in whatever community waterways this leaks into (drains in every neighborhood and every highway system around the state). Not to mention the harm that comes to the forests, prairies, and wildlife that this is dumped on during all wildfires across the entire state. This all runs off into the Puget Sound, where our fish species and even beloved orca whale populations are sickening, washing up dead, wasted away due to various factors- all due to pollutants, of which I'm sure fire fighting foam is part of; Washington admits to holding & using large stores - I cannot imagine port fires are exempt.

Washington State is liable for all this and needs to replace these stores by the end of 2024. To set a date beyond this (and add the inevitable missed deadlines) would be disrespectful to the people who live and visit Washington State (who have a reasonable expectation of safety) and the environment-of which we are stewards, and need to pass on to next generations without shame of lasting damage. As a race, we have come far, and are far too intelligent to allow this to continue. You are exposed. You are now 100% liable, and tax payers are tired of paying off millions for avoidable lawsuits, of which you can PREVENT at any time. You need to be accountable and settle this issue now.