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### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR AF/A4  
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FROM: SAF/IEE  
1665 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1665

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Training with Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF)

Attachment 1 acknowledges the Air Force's long-standing commitment "to the safety and well-being of its personnel and the general public, both on and off installations." Consistent with that commitment, it directed that the Air Force "immediately halt routine, daily operational checks and testing of the foam discharge systems on Air Force fire-fighting vehicles, unless the resulting effluent can be contained and managed in a safe, environmentally-protective manner, as certified by the base civil engineer's environmental representative, in accordance with applicable local, county, and state regulations." This policy, restricting the use of AFFF, was reaffirmed and expanded upon in a 22 August 2016 memorandum from the Air Force Fire Chief (Attachment 2) which directed "Until further notice, we will continue to restrict the use of AFFF to real world emergencies only."

To strengthen the Air Force's protection of human health and the environment, this policy memorandum maintains the restriction on the use of AFFF for other than real world emergencies unless SAF/IEE affirmatively approves such use. Effective immediately, all new training-related use of AFFF is prohibited, and existing training with AFFF must be terminated, unless a request has been submitted to and approved by SAF/IEE.

The request must be accompanied by supporting information demonstrating the resulting effluent is being managed in a safe and environmentally-protective manner, and can be discharged to permitted wastewater treatment works in accordance with AFI 32-1067, and a National Pollutant Discharge Permit Elimination System permit, as applicable. My point of contact for this matter is Mr. Otis Hicks, DSN 223-9328, otis.l.hicks.civ@mail.mil.

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#### Attachments:

1. SAF/IE Policy on Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs) of Concern, 11 Aug 2016
2. Replacement and Disposal of Legacy Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), 22 August 2016