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## **SAFETY BULLETIN**

### **CHECK THE LABELS ON YOUR 5 GALLON PAILS, 55-GALLON DRUMS OR TOTES**

*IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PHRASES ARE PRINTED  
ON THE CONTAINER, PLEASE STOP USING THEM*

**THEY CONTAIN - - - PFAS**

**AFFF, AR-AFFF OR C-6 AFFF FOAMS**

**THESE FOAMS CONTAIN INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS**

- These foam type concentrates represent a health risk for firefighters and the public that they serve.
- If you have C6, AFFF or AR-AFFF products on a fire apparatus – then the foam tank, the proportioner, nozzles and hose lines are all PFAS contaminated. They will need to be replaced before using fluorine-free foams. Otherwise, you will have cross-contamination. This applies to foam trailers as well.
- Firefighter personnel should not use C6, AFFF or AR-AFFF products for decontamination purposes either because of PFAS contamination.
- “Fluoro” means fluorinated, i.e., fluoro proteins

There are no regulations requiring a fire department to use AFFF. Please contact your State Authorities for proper PFAS disposal action.



Propping a door open would not be considered a good use of an AFFF pail.