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Bulletin #63, CHECKLIST FOR F3, August 19, 2022

For fire chiefs:

This check off list is provided to assist you in changing over your PFAS containing firefighting foams to a new fluorine-free firefighting foam (F3) when discussing foam products with your vendor or distributor. Incorporate this document into your risk management records.

Questions for your foam representative:

- Is the F3 fire product tested to NFPA 18, UL 162, US Forestry or your international standard?
- Can you provide a copy of the test packet?
- Can you provide a current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the F3? (Read the entire SDS for yourself)
- Does your F3 contain other carcinogens?
- Check other countries' SDS for the same product and for California Proposition 65 warnings on a US SDS

To the foam company that sold you the PFAS-containing foams:

- Will you pick up and take back your PFAS product foam?
- Will your company assist in notifying the community of the PFAS contamination caused by AFFF products?
- Will your company assist with clean-up of PFAS? Including apparatus foam tanks and equipment?

21 Wisconsin fire departments have returned their fluorinated firefighting foams to the manufacturer or supplier. (Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Fluorinated Firefighting Foam Survey Results, September 2020)

According to retired Fire Chief Shawn Oke (Albemarle, NC): "The environmental effects of a concentrate vary greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer, and you have a responsibility to determine those effects before using the product." (Foam: A Primer, Shawn Oke, <https://www.firestopperus.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/v.-foam-Tips.pdf>)

## SAMPLE

### California Proposition 65



WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including 1,4 dioxane, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.p65warnings.ca.gov/](http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/)

The above paragraph shows Section 15 of the current National Foam Universal®<sup>F3</sup> Green 3%-3% Alcohol Resistant Synthetic Foam Concentrate, Safety Data Sheet, Revision Date: September 24, 2021, p. 7. An international SDS will not show this particular Prop 65 warning since it refers to California.



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