



# FDSA

FIRE DEPT SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Bulletin #75, Test Sampling, May 26, 2023

FEC Rule #3, Don't believe what you're told. Double check. (NCIS / Gibbs)

Please sample only: \_\_\_\_\_  
[name of product]

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacture Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample taken from (i.e., truck, 5 gallon pail, 55 gallon drum): \_\_\_\_\_

Container sealed or unsealed prior to testing? \_\_\_\_\_

One sample test kit and chain of custody set per sample taken

## Procedure

1. Using a regular ball point pen or pencil, write on the conical tube label the date and time.
2. Wear Nitrile gloves, provided, while filling and sealing the conical test tube.
3. Sample must be collected in the 50 mL conical tube with the blue cap. Please use the provided syringe to obtain sample firefighting foam product. (tongs or a wire hanger can also be used to dip the tube in).
4. Fill the sample tube as close to the top as possible and cap it with the blue lid.
5. Use the Parafilm tape over the top of the blue lid and secure it tightly (it stretches – see [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) if you need directions).
6. Put the sample test tube into the smaller Ziploc bag and close the bag.
7. Place the small Ziploc bag into the larger Ziploc bag.

AR-AFFF foams will need to be shaken before a test sample is taken.

Discard used syringe and Nitrile gloves.

Complete a chain of custody form and send it in for testing.

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When taking firefighting foam samples, do not use sticky notes, sharpies, waterproof paper, aluminum foil, Nomex fabric or Tyvek, water-repellant gear or clothing with dirt and / or stain resistant characteristics. Be aware of cross-contamination issues from these types of items.