

Subject: Now available: Draft Guidance on use, storage and disposal of Class B Firefighting Foam containing POPs (C8)
Forthcoming Engagement
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Afternoon

Please find attached the:



Reminder that you can register for an information session on **Tuesday 29th November from 14:30 – 16:00**. If you have not already registered your interest to attend then please do so by emailing: [redacted]@sepa.org.uk . A link to the event will be sent out on Monday 28th November for those that have registered.

Finally please return comments on the draft guidance to SEPA **by close of play the 9th December**.

Background:

Class B Firefighting Foams (for example C8) have historically contained chemicals from the PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkylated substances) group of chemicals, namely perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS), and, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.

PFOS and its related substances were restricted under the Stockholm Convention in May 2009, and therefore its use is already banned, and you should have ceased using and disposed of any stockpiles by June 2011.

However, the requirements in relation to any firefighting foam that contains PFOA will change on 1 January 2023 to limit their use. This guidance is being drafted and is aimed at anyone in Scotland who uses, stores, or disposes of Class B firefighting foams (FFs), and/or any other Firefighting foams, containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), namely PFOA.

The law does not allow the use of substances, mixtures and articles containing PFOA, its salts and PFOA related compounds beyond 1 January 2023 other than in accordance with certain requirements and timescale which are summarised in the draft guidance.

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