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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

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SUBJECT: Department of Energy (DOE) Guidance on Reporting Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)-Containing Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Releases or Spills to the Environment

The Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security was tasked with modifying the Departmental Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS) to accept PFAS release entries and issue guidance on reporting PFAS releases in the attached September 16, 2021 memorandum from the Deputy Secretary entitled: *Addressing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances at the Department of Energy* (attachment 1).

The attached DOE guidance document, entitled: *Department of Energy (DOE) Guidance on Reporting Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)-Containing Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Releases or Spills to the Environment* (attachment 2), provides background information regarding PFAS, the new ORPS Database Reporting Criterion, and the new ORPS Database Headquarters Keyword.

Beginning December 15, 2021, PFAS-containing AFFF releases or spills to the environment must be reported using the new reporting criterion [Group 5, Subgroup A, (5)] in the ORPS Database.

For PFAS policy and technical assistance, please contact Ms. Ashley Ruocco at 301-903-7010 or Ashley.Ruocco@hq.doe.gov. For OPRS Database questions, please contact Mr. Ross Natoli at 301-903-6096 or Ross.Natoli@hq.doe.gov.

Attachments

- 1) Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary, *Addressing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances at the Department of Energy*, dated September 16, 2021
- 2) *Department of Energy (DOE) Guidance on Reporting Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)-Containing Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Releases or Spills to the Environment*, dated December 2021

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