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FROM: HQ USAF/A4  
1030 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1030

SUBJECT: Cease Off-installation Use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam in Mutual Aid Response

Under the authority in Air Force Mission Directive 1-38, section A1.92, I am directing installations to immediately cease off-installation use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) for mutual aid. The exception is for mutual aid agreements that meet all three of the following criteria: 1) include the specific indemnity clause in AFI 32-2001, *Fire and Emergency Services Program*, dated 28 Sep 18, Attachment 2, Figure A2.1, paragraph f., 2) the installation judge advocate reviewed the agreement and determined the indemnity clause was legally sufficient and 3) the agreement is signed by the installation commander and an authorized public or government official of which the agreement is made with said community.

The Air Force is committed to the safety and well-being of its personnel and the general public, both on- and off-installations. In 2016, the Air Force limited routine checks of fire truck foam discharge systems except under certain conditions (see attachment at paragraph g.). The Air Force further limited its use of AFFF to emergencies only, as determined by the incident commander. My direction is consistent with previous policy in that the use of AFFF off-installation must be at the request of the incident commander in accordance with the conditions set forth in this memo and AFI 32-2001, namely that off-installation jurisdictions must agree to hold the Air Force harmless for the application of AFFF they request and direct to be used.

The installation commander is the senior installation authority when supporting mutual aid requests. The installation fire chief manages mutual aid agreements with local fire officials on behalf of the installation commander. We recognize the critical importance of partnerships forged through mutual aid at your installation. This direction is not intended to impact any other provisions within current mutual aid agreements.

My point of contact for this direction is the Air Force Fire Chief, Mr. Timothy Pitman, (571) 214-3538, [timothy.pitman.1@us.af.mil](mailto:timothy.pitman.1@us.af.mil).

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Attachment:  
SAF/IE Policy on Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs) of Concern, 11 Aug 2016