

WARNING!

This equipment is designed to suppress fires by discharging a product that contains PFAS.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are persistent in the environment and in the human body — meaning they do not readily break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to certain PFAS, most notably PFOA and PFOS, may lead to adverse human health effects. Studies indicate that PFAS may cause reproductive and developmental, liver and kidney, and immunological effects and tumors in laboratory animals. In humans, the most consistent findings are that PFAS may cause increased cholesterol levels, with more limited findings that PFAS may cause low infant birth weights, immunological effects, cancer (for PFOA), and thyroid hormone disruption (for PFOS). PFOA, PFOS, and other “long chain” PFAS have been mostly phased out by industry in favor of “short chain” or “C6” PFAS.

This equipment is designed to use foam concentrate that contains predominantly C6 PFAS. C6 PFAS are currently considered lower in toxicity than other long chain PFAS, but toxicological profiles are less well documented. Further, C6 PFAS are still considered persistent in the environment and in the human body and, according to US EPA, certain PFAS present in the formulation can break down in the environment into PFOA or other persistent products.

Normal operation of this equipment may result in a release of a “hazardous substance” under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. (CERCLA), a “hazardous waste” under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 USC § 6901 et seq. (RCRA), or other similar designation under other federal or state environmental laws. Such a release may expose the owner and/or the operator of the facility where this equipment is located to liability for cleanup costs and other continuing obligations. Therefore, every effort should be made to collect, contain, treat, and properly dispose of any product discharged by this equipment, including the development and implementation of a collection plan, the installation of holding tanks or other engineered containment, and regular system testing.

By purchasing this equipment, you agree that The Viking Corporation and Viking affiliates shall not be liable for any losses, damages, or other expenses, whether direct, indirect, consequential, incidental, or special, arising out of the presence of PFAS in any product used in connection with this equipment or any release of PFAS in the normal operation of this equipment, regardless of whether The Viking Corporation or any Viking affiliate sells or arranges for the sale of such product.

Please visit the following webpage for more information about the toxicological profiles of C6 PFAS, which will be updated from time to time as information becomes available:
www.vikinggroupinc.com/pfas