



Case Type

Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF)



General Background

Aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) is a foam used to extinguish petroleum fires. AFFF contains chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are mixed with water to create a foam that quickly puts out fires. Unfortunately, considerable research has surfaced regarding the toxicity of PFAS. These man-made chemicals break down very slowly and can accumulate in humans, animals, and the environment over time. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), long-term exposure to these chemicals can result in adverse health effects including cancer.

Many firefighting and military training facilities utilize AFFF. In fact, The U.S. Department of Defense began using the foam as far back as the 1970s at their military facilities, and it is a major source of groundwater contamination. People who work directly with AFFF or live near these facilities are at risk of developing serious health problems. In recent years, thousands of PFAS-related lawsuits have been filed against DuPont and 3M, the main manufacturers. Current and former civilian and military firefighters are at particularly high risk for developing cancer and other illnesses because of direct, long-term exposure to AFFF.

Case Criteria

- Must have been a civilian or military firefighter or used firefighting foam on the job or in training
- If NOT a firefighter, must have a minimum of ten exposure events to firefighting foam
- Must have been exposed to firefighting foam after 1960
- Must have been diagnosed with one of the following:
 - ▶ Kidney cancer
 - ▶ Pancreatic cancer
 - ▶ Testicular cancer
 - ▶ Prostate cancer
 - ▶ Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
 - ▶ Bladder cancer
 - ▶ Thyroid disease
 - ▶ Liver cancer
 - ▶ Ulcerative colitis

Contact Us

If you worked with firefighting foam and developed one of these illnesses, we'd like to hear your story. Hendler Flores Law is committed to getting you compensation for your injuries and holding DuPont and 3M accountable for marketing toxic chemicals. Call us today for a free consultation.