

Tyco Fire Reaches Settlement of AFFF MDL Claims

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Tyco Fire Products LP (Tyco) has agreed to pay \$750 million to settle the claims of public water systems against Tyco and Chemguard, Inc. (Chemguard) concerning alleged drinking water contamination from the companies' aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) that contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Public water systems that have detected PFAS in their drinking water sources as of May 15, 2024, may be eligible for this class settlement.

Tyco was facing hundreds of claims from public water suppliers in multidistrict litigation (MDL) pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. Bellwether trials of certain public water systems' claims against telomer AFFF manufacturers, including Tyco, are scheduled to move forward later this year. This settlement would resolve those claims against Tyco and Chemguard. If the settlement agreement receives preliminary approval, potentially eligible water systems will receive a notice giving them approximately 45 days to consider whether to optout and/or object to the settlement. Should the settlement receive final approval, it is expected that public water systems could begin receiving money from the settlement in the first quarter of 2025.