Ask the experts about the exceptional performance of LIGHT WATER AFFF.

From California to New Jersey...from Texas to Alaska, more fire chiefs insist on "LIGHT WATER" AFFF. Men with years of fire-fighting experience. Men with the enormous responsibility of protecting property and lives in their communities. They know "LIGHT WATER" AFFF takes care of flammable liquid fires fast. Because it forms a film that seals in volatile vapors. Re-Seals if it's broken. Prevents reignition. Provides a margin of safety that exceeds military specifications. And there's "LIGHT WATER" AFFF/Alcohol Type Concentrate (ATC) to handle alcohol and other polar solvent hazards. Fire chiefs know they can count on 3M, the AFFF experts. 3M pioneered the development of AFFF. Military and airport fire fighters have relied on "LIGHT WATER" AFFF for years. So have corporate safety managers in developing mutual aid AFFF bank with local fire departments. Expert technical assistance available on request. Ask us, 3M, the AFFF experts.

What Is "Light Water" Brand Aqueous Film Forming Foam?

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF is a synthetic foam-forming liquid designed for use with fresh, sea or brackish water. When proportioned with water and applied with conventional foam or water/fog equipment, it generates a white foam with the remarkable ability to make water float on flammable liquids which are lighter than water.

This double action—foam and aqueous film—enhances extinguishment of flammable liquid fires and prevents reflash. The action also takes place on spilled or leaking fuels which have not been ignited so they are secured and are not readily ignited.

The Most Effective Foaming Type Agent Ever Developed.

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF can extinguish a flammable liquid fire in less than half the time of conventional foams.

Aqueous film spreads across surface and extinguishes fire.

And keep it extinguished. The foam spreads over the surface of burning fuel forming a blanket in the manner of conventional foams. More important, an aqueous solution drains from the foam bubbles and forms a vapor-sealing film. This film floats on the fuel surface and suppresses volatile vapors. In addition, it has a reforming, self-healing action which prevents reflash should the foam be disrupted. "LIGHT WATER" AFFF also takes the fire hazard out of fuel spills because it seals and secures non-ignited areas and prevents ignition. The ability to form a vapor seal over flammable liquids permits "LIGHT WATER" AFFF to extend its performance well beyond that of ordinary foam. This performance is important in situations where there is limited or no access such as in storm sewers. The vapor-sealing film flows with the fuel and secures as it goes.

The Agent's low surface tension also provides excellent penetrating and wetting qualities when used on Class "A" materials. This is highly important when extinguishing deep-seated fires and for fires involving rubber materials.

Easy to Use

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF can be used with conventional foam equipment. Foam nozzles with pick-up tubes and line proportioners (in-line eductors) used with foam or water/fog nozzles are among the most common methods.

Unlike ordinary foams, "LIGHT WATER" AFFF may be used effectively with the water/fog nozzle and eductor combination. "LIGHT WATER" AFFF is available in both 6% and 3% concentrations. To provide optimum foam solution, these should be used at their intended ratios.

6% Concentrate: 94% water and 6% concentrate.
(94 gallons water + 6 gallons concentrate = 100 gallons foam solution.)

3% Concentrate: 97% water and 3% concentrate.
(97 gallons water + 3 gallons concentrate = 100 gallons foam solution.)
Systems

- **Pick Up Tubes** - used with air aspirating nozzles and foam tubes are efficient against Class B and B capabilities.
- **EDUCATORS** - by using matched eductors, foam nozzles are very effective with Agent.
- **FOAM TRUCKS** - mobile foam turret trucks using air are several times more efficient using water Agent.
- **AGENT SYSTEMS** - the effectiveness of "LIGHT WATER" AFFF and dry chemicals is a key benefit across a wide range of sizes.
- **MONITORS** - elevated nozzles on booms provide fast attack and extended reach for difficult tank storage tanks.

Surface Applications for Tank Fires

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF may be injected below the surface of a burning petroleum storage tank. It will spread and extinguish the blaze.

Chambers - "LIGHT WATER" Agent can be used through use of foam chambers.

Hard and Foam/Water Sprinklers - "LIGHT WATER" AFFF offers increased protection over conventional foam systems. Existing sprinklers may be retrofitted to "LIGHT WATER" Agent use.

Proved in Tests and Fires

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF has been tested for comparative fire extinguishing efficiency in many tests. These tests have been conducted throughout the fire equipment industry, municipal and national agencies, the U.S. Navy and Air Force, the insurance industry, independent test laboratories, and national agencies. Among others, it has been proved to protect fuel and fuel spill fires, flowing fuel fires, storage tank fires, fuel fires on water, aircraft fires, and on various chemical and process.

From these tests, it is shown that fire control time was from 5 to 1 in favor of "LIGHT WATER" AFFF over water alone and the amount of agent used was as little as 1/4 up to as much as 1/4.

Combined with dry chemical agents, "LIGHT WATER" Agent demonstrated a great advantage in effectiveness over conventional foams on exceptional fires.

"LIGHT WATER" Agent extinguished a petrochemical fire in California when nothing else worked. The fire was burning for three days in spite of all efforts to extinguish. "LIGHT WATER" AFFF put the fire out in approximately an hour, even though much of the flare was not below deck and could not be reached directly.

Industrial fires have yielded to "LIGHT WATER" Agent after conventional agents failed.

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF is listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and is approved by Factory Mutual. It is included in NFPA standards.

The Extra Margin of Safety - "Light Water" AFFF

**Increased Safety to Life**

Safety is inherent in rapid fire extinguishment. The faster the extinguishment, the fewer the chances for dangerous incidents. "LIGHT WATER" Agent prevents reflash and burnback, major causes of injury. Reflash protection offered by the reforming action of "LIGHT WATER" AFFF is especially important to the safety of firefighters as they walk and drag hoselines through the danger area.

**More Reliability**

Because of its exceptional properties, "LIGHT WATER" Concentrate can be stored for a virtually indefinite period of time. Equipment reliability is also increased with "LIGHT WATER" AFFF since no sludge or sedimentation occurs. It is recognized throughout the world for its exceptional efficiency, and has been in use for years at most municipal and airport fire departments and the U.S. military services.

**Improved Loss Prevention**

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF gives your community or company greatly improved fire protection capability. Its proved rapid fire suppression results in reduced risk to property and equipment. The securing action of the Agent can take the fire hazard out of flammable liquid spills.

**Simplicity of Use**

"LIGHT WATER" AFFF is easy to use with conventional equipment - no special equipment or uncommon fire fighting techniques are required. The Agent can be used with foam and standard water/fog nozzles and eductors. Unlike ordinary foams, it is quite effective with the water/fog nozzle and eductor combination. "LIGHT WATER" AFFF adapts easily to existing apparatus.
Improved Economy

“LIGHT WATER” Agent offers faster extinguishment than conventional foams so less agent is used in training and actual fires. Its stability and securing action are effective on many solvents and chemicals which destroy ordinary foams, thus reducing or eliminating inventory of special type agents. The table shows a typical comparison example of agent usage and relative costs.

Extinguishment Comparison — Agent Usage
Area: 1,000 ft² (with obstacles) Fuel: JP-5 400 gal.

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<th>Protein Foam</th>
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<td>Preburn — seconds</td>
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<td>Solution Used — gal</td>
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SAVINGS $17.70 (30%)
(approx. compared to protein foam)

Advantages of “Light Water” AFFO
Over Conventional Agents

The following general conclusions may be made when “LIGHT WATER” Concentrate is applied as a fire fighting agent:

1. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO shows efficiencies of over three times that of protein type foams on open surface gasoline fires.
2. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO protects nonignited spills from ignition and secures hazards during rescue and cleanup operations.
3. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO has been proved dramatically effective over a wide range of hazards:
   - Tanker trucks
   - Aircraft
   - Storage tanks
   - Refineries — offshore platforms
   - Industrial plants
   - Tanker ships and marine terminals
4. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO is neither toxic nor corrosive, having a neutral pH and excellent chemical stability. It is biodegradable.
5. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO may be applied to fires simultaneously with other foams, dry chemicals or CO², since the agents are mutually effective.
6. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO has shown utility on chemical and solvent fires. Higher solution application rates may be required for extinguishment.
7. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO discharged from automatic sprinklers is more effective than water or ordinary foam at controlling flammable fuel fires. It has been tested by Factory Mutual and U.L. for this application.
8. “LIGHT WATER” AFFO has excellent “Class A” fire extinguishing capabilities. Excellent wetting and penetrating qualities allow fast extinguishment of deep-seated fires involving flammables such as wood, cloth, and even rubber tires.
Typical Properties of "Light Water" Concentrates

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Excellent Long Term Storage

"LIGHT WATER" Concentrate may be stored in its shipping container without change in its original physical or chemical characteristics. It does not show significant sedimentation or precipitation in storage or after temperature cycling. Freezing and thawing have no effect on performance and the concentrate proportions satisfactorily in ordinary equipment at temperatures above 32°F. Freeze-thaw cycling may cause slight stratification which may be overcome with moderate agitation.

Premix solutions in fresh water may be stored long term for ready use at temperatures above freezing.

Environmentally Neutral

Standardized tests are conducted as an ongoing program to evaluate and assess the impact of "Light Water" Concentrate on humans and the natural environment. Based on these test results, "Light Water" Concentrate is biodegradable, low in toxicity, and it can be treated in biological treatment systems. In its concentrate form, "Light Water" AFFF was found to be a slight eye and skin irritant, but as a foam solution, there are no noticeable negative effects. Tests and actual use situations have shown that animal and aquatic life are not adversely affected.

"Light Water" AFFF Alcohol Type Concentrate

This special concentrate is available for hazards involving alcohol and other polar solvents. Underwriters Laboratories lists "LIGHT WATER" ATC as an AFFF for flammable liquid hydrocarbons in addition to its primary UL listing as an alcohol type concentrate for alcohol and other polar solvent hazards.

For further information on "LIGHT WATER" AFFF ATC contact your nearest 3M branch office.
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Actual incidents as well as tests conducted by independent agencies, by the chemical industry and by plant and municipal fire departments continue to demonstrate the extra margin of safety provided by LIGHT WATER AFFF/ATC. Fire protection professionals know they can count on 3M, the AFFF experts. 3M pioneered the development of AFFF. LIGHT WATER AFFF/ATC was the first AFFF listed by UL for both water insoluble hydrocarbons and water soluble polar solvent hazards. Fire chiefs have relied on LIGHT WATER AFFF for years. So have corporate safety managers in developing mutual aid AFFF banks with local fire departments. Expert technical assistance, systems design information and around the clock emergency service are available. Ask us. 3M Fire Protection Systems, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55101, Dept. 39.

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