## **PFAS Alternatives Assessment**

## October 7, 2019 Update:

The PFAS AA will utilize four modules from the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse <u>AA</u> <u>Guide</u>: Hazard, Exposure, Performance, and Cost and Availability. Ecology will use decision rules for each of these assessment modules to help determine whether alternatives are safer as defined by the law (<u>RCW 70.95G</u>).

The decision rules regarding hazard will depend on a variety of hazard properties called endpoints. These are largely based on the toxic effects of chemicals and materials used in food packaging products. Manufacturers and suppliers will be asked to provide hazard data for use in Ecology's assessment. A draft of the <a href="Hazard Assessment Methodology">Hazard Assessment Methodology</a> and an associated <a href="Hazard Assessment Overview">Hazard Assessment Overview</a> document are available for review by interested parties.

Similar draft documents for the Exposure Assessment Methodology will be released in the coming weeks. Interested parties will have an opportunity to provide feedback on these methodologies in a forum to be announced later.