

Major Implementations of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan in January 2022

1. On January 12, a meeting on "Fire Extinguishers Containing PFAS Foam and Management of Wastewater" was held, concerning the ban of four perfluorinated compounds, such as perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), in fire extinguishing foam for Class B fires in fire fighting equipment beginning December 31, 2022, as well as discussing with the National Fire Agency about including the requirement of zero detection of PFAS in fire extinguishing equipment in fire-fighting related regulations.
2. On January 22, the groundbreaking ceremony of the training area for the National Fire Agency of the Ministry of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Administration of the Executive Yuan and the handover ceremony of fire and utility vehicles subsidized by the National Fire Agency for Nantou County and Yunlin County were presided over by Deputy Minister Chen Tsung-Yen of the Ministry of the Interior. TCSB Director General Hsieh Yein-Rui attended the commencement prayer and ground breaking ceremony.
3. On January 24, EPA Chief Secretary Yeh Jiunn-Horng led the members of the Environmental Quality Advisory Committee on a visit to the Southern Emergency Response Training Center of Toxic Substances for inspection. The TCSB presented the operations of the Training Center and the progress of the training system for professional response personnel.