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Ms. Jeffrey Jordan  
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Dear Mr. Jordan:

This correspondence refers to Lease in Furtherance of Conveyance No. N47692-14-RP-14P14 (LIFOC) covering MRRA's use of Hangar-4. The permitted uses of the hangar include airport operations and tenant activities including aviation related business.

As a result of the Navy's contracted actions for the removal of Aqueous Film Forming Form (AFFF) concentrate from the system in Hangar-4, certain lease activities, including the storing of planes, was suspended. The Navy has completed the AFFF removal in the Fire Protection Room and the Hangar AFFF system, along with the draining and rinsing of the water sprinkler system. The water-only system has been placed back online, and the Navy is expected to complete all activities by November 6, 2024.

We will notify MRRA when Hangar-4 is suitable to resume aviation operations. However, since only a water sprinkler system will be in operation in Hangar-4, in compliance with the fire code and the local fire chief's direction, this serves as notice that only aircraft that has been defueled is allowed in Hangar-4. Effective immediately, this defueling requirement is required for any Navy-owned facilities that are leased to MRRA whereby MRRA or its tenants want to store aircraft. Additionally, please be advised that refilling the fire-fighting system in Hangar-4 with Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) containing AFFF is prohibited.

It is understood by communication with the former Executive Director, Ms. Kristine Logan on October 7<sup>th</sup>, that MRRA has arranged to store aircraft that has not been defueled on MRRA-owned property.

Please indicate acknowledgement and concurrence regarding use of Hangar 4, by signing and dating below and returning this letter to [stephanie.d.zamorski.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:stephanie.d.zamorski.civ@us.navy.mil).

If you have any questions regarding environmental matters, please contact either Ms. W. Rachelle Knight at [wynette.r.knight.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:wynette.r.knight.civ@us.navy.mil), or Mr. Derek Pinkham at [derek.j.pinkham.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:derek.j.pinkham.civ@us.navy.mil). For Real Estate matters, I can be reached at [stephanie.d.zamorski.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:stephanie.d.zamorski.civ@us.navy.mil).

Sincerely,

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**MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONCURRENCE IN THE ABOVE CONDITIONS REGARDING  
USE OF HANGAR-4 UNDER LEASE IN FURTHERANCE OF CONVEYANCE NO. N47692-14-  
RP-14P14 AT THE FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION, BRUNSWICK, MAINE

By:   
Jeffrey Jordan  
Deputy Director

Date: November 1, 2024



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Ms. Kristine Logan  
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Dear Ms. Logan:

**SUBJECT: HANGAR 4 AFFF REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**

As discussed, the Navy BRAC Program Management Office (PMO) has been engaged in a Basewide Remedial Investigation to assess the nature and extent of per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in various media (soils, groundwater, surface water, and sediments) in order to develop a systematic approach to address the impacts of legacy aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) releases. Because of this, it is extremely important that AFFF, on both transferred and remaining Navy land, be managed and controlled to the maximum extent possible in order to prevent any further degradation of the site's natural resources.

In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 2020, Section 322, military facilities are required to cease use and effect complete removal of AFFF by October 2024. Accordingly, as the remaining Navy land is considered a military facility, this correspondence serves as notice of our intent to remove the AFFF from Hangar 4 by March 31, 2025. Please be advised that Navy cannot replace or renovate the fire suppression system to a functional capacity. We understand the financial impacts brought on by the discovery and management of PFAS in site media. However, if MRRA plans to continue use of Hangar 4 as an aircraft hangar, a functioning fire suppression system is required or MRRA will need to introduce alternate aircraft management techniques to remain in compliance with state and local fire protection requirements.

We recognize the substantial financial benefit realized by MRRA in the use of the transferred aircraft hangars, which currently utilize PFAS containing AFFF fire suppression systems as a necessary requirement for continued operation. We strongly encourage MRRA to develop a plan to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the use of AFFF on site as recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in their document "FAA Aircraft Firefighting Foam Transition Plan," May 2023. As stated in this Transition Plan, "Although airport hangars are outside FAA's regulatory jurisdiction, airports should consider hangar fire suppression systems as significant sources of PFAS-containing AFFF and include such systems, as appropriate, in transition planning and execution."

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Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency recently published the final rule determining PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances. This rule becomes final on, or about, July 8, 2024 at which time the Navy will not be able to make required assertions on site remediation that would allow us to transfer property. We will endeavor to transfer the property as soon as we are able, however, that may take significantly more time due to the hazardous substance designation.

We are currently in the process of contracting for the removal of AFFF from Hangar 4 and will endeavor to execute this project as soon as practicable. We will continue to coordinate our efforts through Ms. W. Rachelle Knight, our BRAC Environmental Coordinator ([wynette.r.knight.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:wynette.r.knight.civ@us.navy.mil)), and Mr. Marty McMahon, Caretaker Site Office personnel ([martin.g.mcmahon.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:martin.g.mcmahon.civ@us.navy.mil)). Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with our course of action in this regard.

Sincerely,

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