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H.P. 261

House of Representatives, February 4, 2025

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Aqueous Film-forming Foam at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, GOLEK of Harpswell,
HEPLER of Woolwich, MACIAS of Topsham, RIELLY of Westbrook, SINCLAIR of Bath,
WEBB of Durham.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13083-K, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Prohibition on use of aqueous film-forming foam.** Beginning January 1, 2026, a
4 person may not discharge, test, store or otherwise use aqueous film-forming foam on any
5 property leased or owned by the authority. The provisions of this subsection do not apply
6 to actions performed in the course of the removal, abatement or remediation of aqueous
7 film-forming foam. For purposes of this subsection, "aqueous film-forming foam" means
8 a fire suppressant foam containing fluorinated surfactants intended for extinguishing
9 flammable liquid fires. The Department of Environmental Protection shall enforce this
10 subsection in accordance with Title 38, section 347-A.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill prohibits the use of aqueous film-forming foam on any property leased or
13 owned by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, including the former
14 Brunswick Naval Air Station, beginning January 1, 2026. It also assigns the enforcement
15 of the prohibition to the Department of Environmental Protection.