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3. No later than July 1, 2026, funding must be acquired by the authority sufficient to cover the anticipated costs of completely purging all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam.
4. No later than December 31, 2026, all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority must be completely purged so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam.

LD 465 An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 62 adds marine finfish aquaculture facilities and general permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer systems as waste discharge license groups and establishes the basis for the annual fees for those license groups. It changes the basis for the annual fee for the general permit coverage for the marine aquaculture facilities waste discharge license group and increases the median fee for that license group. It also clarifies that the fish-rearing facility waste discharge license group covers terrestrial fish-rearing facilities.

LD 497 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Significant Vernal Pools Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 338 amends provisions of the Natural Resources Protection Act regarding significant wildlife habitat to require the following provisions in the Department of Environmental Protection's rules regulating significant vernal pools.

1. It requires that the rules include definitions for "critical terrestrial habitat," "significant vernal pool habitat" and "significant vernal pool protection zone." "Significant vernal pool protection zone" must be defined to mean that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 100 feet of the spring or fall high-water mark of a significant vernal pool depression. With respect to habitat management standards for significant vernal pool habitat, the rule must require no disturbance within the significant vernal pool depression and the significant vernal pool protection zone to the greatest extent practicable.
2. It provides that, where the critical terrestrial habitat for a significant vernal pool is bisected by one or more property boundaries, the critical terrestrial habitat located on a property that does not contain the vernal pool depression must be afforded the same habitat protections under the rule as the critical terrestrial habitat located on the property that contains the vernal pool depression. Public Law 2025, chapter 338 also repeals a provision of law providing that a

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES