



Report on Progress to Turn Off AFFF Systems in Hangars 5 and 6 and Water Service at the Mere Creek Club House

It has come to our attention that last evening's Brunswick Town Council meeting generated questions specific to hangers 5 and 6 PFAS mitigation plans and Mere Creek Golf Course well testing at Brunswick Landing. It is hoped that these answers will help address the concerns regarding the potential impact of PFAS contamination on the surrounding community and provide updates on the progress of well testing at Brunswick Landing. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents, businesses and neighbors.

Question 1: Where is MRRA in the process of the 90-day plan to shut off AFFF systems in hangers 5 and 6?

MRRA is currently in the process of finalizing the shutdown plan for the AFFF system in hangers 6, with a goal to complete this by the end of the first week in April. The MRRA Board prioritized the shut down and removal of AFFF in Hangar 6 as the highest priority given its proximity to the Jordan Avenue well head for the Brunswick Topsham Water District and the Androscoggin River. This plan includes coordination with our consultant, Poole Fire Protection and the Brunswick Fire Department to ensure continued safety measures are in place during this transition. Eastern Fire will have technicians onsite to reconfigure the IR (infrared) sensors in Hangar 6 starting on March 24, 2025, with an expected completion of work within 3-4 days, in the transition from an AFFF fire suppression system to a water only fire suppression system. Fire Safe will deliver five (5) 300lb ABC portable fire extinguishers on the week of March 24, 2025 as recommended by Poole Fire Protection and approved by the Brunswick Fire Department.

The shutdown process for hangar 5 will be similar to hangar 6 but may require additional steps due to the complexity of the fire suppression system. The shutdown process for hangar 5 will involve coordination with our consultant Poole Fire Protection, Eastern Fire and the Brunswick Fire Department to ensure all necessary steps are taken to safely shut down the AFFF fire suppression system. We plan for a meeting in early April to provide clarity on the final scope of work and timeline for completion. We will update Board and public about the timeline once it has been set.

Question 2: What is the status of the Root Cause Analysis?

Poole Fire protection is in the process of finalizing the Root Cause Analysis report, which we expect to receive within the next few weeks. This analysis will help us identify the underlying issues that led to the malfunction of the AFFF fire suppression system and will be shared with the public.

Question 3: When will the Airport Master Plan Update meeting be rescheduled?

The Airport Master Plan Update public meeting is scheduled for **April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Brunswick Town Council Chambers** and will be broadcast on Brunswick's Public Access channel. We will post the finalized agenda soon.

Question 4: Is the Mere Creek Golf Course well water being used for consumption or food preparation?

This question has been raised as a result of MaineDEP's recent report of elevated levels of PFAS exceeding safe drinking water standards from the Mere Creek Golf Course well. We understand the importance of providing clean and safe drinking water for all members and guests at the Golf Course Club House. As I reported last week, I have directed MRRA staff to purchase and have installed a PFAS water filtration system for the Golf Course Club House prior to the opening of the golf course this spring.

We have reached out to Harris Golf to have them respond to the Town Council's specific question regarding its food preparation process and will report their response.

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