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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Testing and Training with Fluorinated Aqueous Film Forming Foam

This memorandum provides guidance for implementing Sections 323 and 324 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 that prohibit, respectively, the uncontrolled release of fluorinated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and its use for training exercises, at military installations. All testing of equipment and training of personnel with fluorinated AFFF is prohibited at Department of Defense (DoD) installations, except the following locations:

- Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA
- The Naval Research Laboratory – Chesapeake Bay Detachment, MD
- Tyndall Air Force Base, FL
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC
- Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, CA

The installations listed above have documented containment systems, processes, and procedures in place to ensure AFFF is not released into the environment. Additionally, the pier side testing of ship's AFFF systems, to include repairs and demonstrations to validate "safe-at-sea" readiness are permitted by this policy. All PFAS wastes from the training or testing at the installations listed, or from pier side ship testing, must be handled, contained, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable policies and environmental regulations, including all DoD-wide, service specific, and locally applicable requirements. Where an AFFF release occurs as part of an emergency response, spill response procedures shall be implemented.

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