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Mr. John Shea
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Dear Ms. Isackson and Mr. Shea:

Aqueous Film Forming Foam

The Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) has tasked the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) with assisting in the State's response to the emerging human health concerns related to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS. PFAS are a group of chemicals used globally for a variety of industrial and commercial purposes – including the Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) required to be present, tested, and dispersed at most Part 139 Certificated airports in Michigan and across the country.

Recently, as a result of the State's proactive approach to limiting the health impacts of PFAS use, many airports in Michigan have raised concerns regarding the dispersal of AFFF for Part 139 compliance inspections and testing due to the potential environmental concerns. Given both the Congressional action required in the recent FAA reauthorization and the existence of alternatives to the current practice of dispensing the foam on to the ground, we respectfully request NASAO support Michigan's efforts to urge the Federal Aviation Administration to expeditiously provide an alternative and environmentally conscious method of compliance with the foam testing requirements to ensure the health and safety of not only Michigan, but all U.S. residents.

We are willing to offer the collective support and technical expertise of the entire MPART team. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 517-335-9568, or by email at troutm1@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Trout
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