



# CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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### Prohibition on AFFF Use at Part 139 Airports After September 13, 2024

SB-1044 (Allen, 2020), enacted through Health and Safety Code Sections 13029, 13061, and 13062, mandates the gradual phase-out of PFAS chemicals from Class B firefighting foam. As part of this transition, Part 139 airport operators had been granted a one-year exemption period, triggered on September 13, 2023, when the FAA approved the use of fluorine-free (F3) foams at Part 139 airports, thereby eliminating the federal requirement to use foams containing PFAS chemicals.

#### Exemption Period for PFAS-Containing Foam:

Part 139 airport operators were allowed to continue using PFAS-containing foams until September 13, 2024, which marks the end of the one-year transition period following the FAA's approval of F3 foams. During this exemption period, operators were allowed to use Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) that meets military specification MIL-PRF-24385, or transition to an approved fluorine-free (F3) foam that adheres to military specification MIL-PRF-32725.

#### Deadlines for Transition to Fluorine-Free Foam:

- **Exemption Period:** The continued use of AFFF containing PFAS chemicals is permitted under the exemption until September 13, 2024.
- **Transition Deadline:** All Part 139 airports must complete the transition to F3 foam by September 13, 2024, following the FAA's approval of fluorine-free alternatives.

#### Reference Documents:

- **Health and Safety Code, Section 13061(b)(2):** Provides guidance on the exemption period for airports and aircraft hangars from compliance with fluorine-free foam requirements.
- **[Availability of Fluorine Free Foam \(F3\) on the Navy's Qualified Products List \(QPL\):](#)** The one-year transition period began on September 13, 2023, following the FAA's approval of F3 foams.
- **[Part 139 Airport Compliance with SB 1044:](#)** This letter provides guidance for Part 139 airports on transitioning to F3 firefighting foam by September 13, 2024.

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