Provide Clean Drinking Water to Residents Affected by the August AFFF Release at Brunswick Landing

To: Jeffrey Jordan, Acting Executive Director

Cc: Nick Nichols (Chair), John Peters (Vice Chair), Jon Crasnick (Treasurer), Barry Valentine (Secretary), Rita Armstrong, Barry Woods, Stan Gerzofsky, David Lenna, Charlotte Mace (Maine DECD), John Moncure

We, the undersigned residents of Brunswick, are requesting meaningful action regarding the effects of the August 19, 2024 Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) spill in Hangar 4 at the Brunswick Executive Airport, operated by MRRA, on the groundwater supply feeding private wells surrounding Brunswick Landing.

This environmental catastrophe has compromised the safety of private wells, posing a direct threat to the health and well-being of those with unsafe levels of PFAS chemicals in their well water.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Maine DEP") has commenced testing of drinking water wells of homes. The first round of testing, performed on samples obtained in the period September 9-10, 2024, shows that the water wells of some homes already exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for one or more Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ("PFAS"). Moreover, it is anticipated that PFAS levels have increased even further since the wells were last tested and will continue to rise as groundwater continues to emanate from the site of the release.

Despite public statements that "We take this situation very seriously and are committed to addressing the cleanup with the utmost urgency and transparency," MRRA has offered no solutions to provide safe water to Brunswick residents.

As a result, Brunswick residents have been forced to bear the burdens of obtaining clean water, including purchasing alternative sources of water (some residents have reported spending $400 or more per month to purchase bottled water), additional water testing, and/or considering costly alternatives such as filtration systems or connecting to the town's municipal water supply. The residents of this community should not be left to shoulder the financial and health burdens of a contamination crisis for which it bears no responsibility. Every resident and taxpayer of Brunswick deserves safe water.

We call upon MRRA and its Board to take immediate, decisive action, including but not limited to the following:

1. **Short-term access to clean drinking water:** Provide ongoing access to clean bottled drinking water and/or access to Brunswick-Topsham Water District water at no cost for all affected residents with detectable PFAS contamination in well water, as well as for residents in areas identified by Maine DEP to be likely at risk, until the contamination is fully resolved. In addition, we request MRRA inform the public about the availability of clean water on the MRRA website.

2. **Long-term access to clean water**: Fully fund the installation of filtration systems for impacted private wells or connections to the town's water supply for households wishing to pursue this option to ensure long-term access to safe water.

3. **Additional & Expanded testing:** Provide funds for monthly testing of private wells in impacted areas by a certified laboratory so that residents are quickly notified when PFAS levels increase over time. (Impacted areas include, for example, areas selected by Maine DEP for testing; as well as areas to the north, south, and southeast of the airport consistent with historical knowledge about groundwater flow from the former naval base).

This request is for justice and accountability from MRRA, a quasi-governmental oversight board with a duty to protect public health and ensure that disasters of this magnitude are remedied swiftly and fairly. Neglecting these responsibilities further jeopardizes the lives and safety of residents who rely on your leadership and action.

We ask for implementation of action #1 above within one week of the receipt of this letter, to provide impacted citizens immediate relief. We also ask that you respond with a plan to implement each of these critical measures no later than two weeks after receipt of this letter. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We trust that you will act in the best interest of the residents affected by a preventable disastrous chemical spill that continues to have damaging effects on the private well water supply in Brunswick's neighborhoods, ponds, Harpswell Cove, the Androscoggin River, a Brunswick Topsham Water District wellfield, and soil on affected parcels. You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

Brunswick United for A Safe Environment

1.	Rep. Daniel Ankeles	(ZIP code: 04011)
2.	Rep. Poppy Arford	(ZIP code: 04011)
3.	Councilor Jennifer Hicks	(ZIP code: 04011)
4.	Dana Colihan	(ZIP code: 04102)
5.	Shelley Fritz	(ZIP code: 04011)
6.	Alexandria Collins	(ZIP code: 04086)
7.	Peach Cushing	(ZIP code: 04011)
8.	Lissa Pelletier	(ZIP code: 04011)
9.	John Hawkins	(ZIP code: 04086)
10.	Dwight Hobbs	(ZIP code: 04011)
11.	Judith Lloyd	(ZIP code: 04011)
12.	David Wallace	(ZIP code: 04011)
13.	Peggy Siegle	(ZIP code: 04011)
14.	Gayle Sirois	(ZIP code: 04011)
15.	Carol Masterson	(ZIP code: 04011)
16.	Dorothy Jones	(ZIP code: 04011)

17. Christine Foster (ZIP code: 04011)
18. Kristen Haines (ZIP code: 04011)
19. Nancy Bliss (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I commend this new Community group for speaking up and taking action to advocate for safe drinking water for area residents and other actions to maintain a safe environment for all people.
20. William Walsh (ZIP code: 04011)
21. Linda Golding (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Please continue to pressure MRRA to take responsible steps to ensure our safety.
22. Denise Lynch (ZIP code: 04011)
23. Richard Armstrong (ZIP code: 04011)
24. Amanda Brillant (ZIP code: 04079)
    a. Safe drinking water is a right being denied by outdated PFAS/PFOS interim levels. Until it is under 4ppt water must be provided.
25. Kristin Propp (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. The water situation from hanger 4 and potentially hanger 6 is an emergency and needs to be dealt with as such. It potentially could affect the water in Brunswick. Currently those people with wells in the run off area need their water tested and be given potable water in the meantime. Everyone in Brunswick should be very concerned about the Brunswick town water system if hanger 6 has a leak like hanger 4 did. This is not the time to kick the can down the road. This is a serious emergency and health hazard affecting the people of Brunswick.
26. Liz Batsford (ZIP code: 04011)
27. Deborah Vose (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. This is a serious issue for all of us, but particularly children, and others who have medical/physical vulnerabilities. PLEASE Pressure the MRRA, US Navy, and environmental protection agencies to do the right thing!
28. Ash Cheshire (ZIP code: 04011)
29. ingrid chalufour (ZIP code: 04011-9349)
30. Geraldine Taylor (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I am outraged by the lack of response of MRRA to rectify the PFAS issues at Brunswick Landing. Especially the adjacent wells affected by the initial spill. Maybe lawsuits are needed!!! I worry about the rest of the town's water supply!
31. Nathan Grant (ZIP code: 04011)
32. Michael Wasson (ZIP code: 04011)
33. Sasha Michaud (ZIP code: 04011)
34. Jennifer Navarro (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Do it asap
35. Sara Valoff (ZIP code: 04011)
36. Tatiana Branson (ZIP code: 04011)
37. Rebecca Beck (ZIP code: 04011)
38. Nan Rand (ZIP code: 04011)
39. Morgan Fields (ZIP code: 04011)
40. Caitlin DAmour (ZIP code: 04011)

41. Amy Self (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I totally agree with the requests outlined in this letter and fully support Brunswick Untied for a Safe Environment.
42. Douglas Self (ZIP code: 04011)
43. Stacy Cloutier (ZIP code: 04011)
44. Lindsey Bergstrom (ZIP code: 04079)
45. Diane Kew (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Immediately, please
46. Sarah Clark (ZIP code: 04011)
47. Nancy Curtis-Strange (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. This affects us ALL. No one should be drinking the Brunswick/Topsham water. We live very near the base. The fishing community is also hugely affected! Growing up here, we always knew there was info the BNAS never would share, but this can not hide! Thank you.
48. Lorinda Bozeman (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Shutting down Hangar 6 should be a priority before another, more catastrophic spill occurs which will contaminate not just private wells but the entire Brunswick/ Topsham Public Water Supply- effecting 30,000 residents or more!!!!!
49. Ella Tabasky (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I live in the former naval housing right off the base and am deeply concerned about this issue. Not just for myself and my family but for my friends and neighbors, especially those on well water. Please don't simply say that you take citizen concerns seriously — help us come up with a plan. My health and wellbeing and that of my neighbors is at stake. Please be responsive and take action ASAP!
50. David Fasulo (ZIP code: 04011)
51. Bruce Gagnon (ZIP code: 04011-3058)
52. Brett Dennison (ZIP code: 92840)
53. Angela Colucci (ZIP code: 04011)
54. Stephen Colucci (ZIP code: 04011)
55. Joshua Jackson (ZIP code: 04011)
56. Pam Brennan (ZIP code: 04011)
57. Carole Sargent (ZIP code: 04086-1818)
    a. EVERYONE affected by the spill should have access to clean water and clean soil, paid for by the agencies involved in mfg., not adequately testing, distributing, and using the contaminants, NOW.
58. Alexandra Rink (ZIP code: 04011)
59. S Mumford (ZIP code: 12345)
60. Daniel Harris (ZIP code: 04011)
61. Jane Nichols-Ecker (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. This is the least MRRA can do at this time, until, and if, it is clearly known that local water is safe to drink.
62. Keisha Payson (ZIP code: 04011-7428)
63. Lavinia Odejimi (ZIP code: 04011-1906)
64. Kevin Cashman (ZIP code: 04011)
65. David Brennan (ZIP code: 04011)

66. Sean McLeod (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I agree. MRRA and the Town of Brunswick should be held accountable for the mal-operation and design deficiencies of the Base Infrastructure including the AFFF system activation, containment and abatement. Any personal well water affected should be compensated with fresh clean drinking water.
67. Darcee Pantaz (ZIP code: 04011)
68. Meghan Kissling (ZIP code: 04011)
69. Bruce Kantner (ZIP code: 04011)
70. Michelle Osgood (ZIP code: 04011)
71. Bobin Park (ZIP code: 04011)
72. Lea Carnevali (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Residents at the landing are undeniably and immediately entitled to clean drinking water.
73. Robert MacEwen (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Our drilled well is contaminated with PFAS. I have tested the water four times so far and the PFAS levels have been as high as 9.58 PPT. These samples were taken from September to late October when we had very little rain. I suspect that the levels will be much higher once we are getting our normal amount of rain.
74. Fred Tambellini (ZIP code: 71251)
    a. Glad to sign petition
75. Lisa Bossi (ZIP code: 04011)
76. Joel Widenor (ZIP code: 04011)
77. James Carslick (ZIP code: 04011)
78. Kristy Beury-Moore (ZIP code: 04011)
79. Pat Hill (ZIP code: 04011)
80. Christopher Cavanaugh (ZIP code: 04011)
81. Kristin Jhamb (ZIP code: 04011)
82. Margaret Kasprak (ZIP code: 04011)
83. Christine Carrington (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Brunswick citizens deserve clean, safe water. Residents of my street have wells, and have been wary of how the August disaster may have affected our water. All such remaining chemicals must be safely removed immediately. Transparency in this matter is imperative!
84. Kristin Hite (ZIP code: 04011)
85. Paul Burns (ZIP code: 04011-3736)
86. Robert Whitehouse (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. My well is contaminated. The filter for the house will cost us $3,000.
87. Ralph Keyes (ZIP code: 04011)
88. Sophie Whitehouse (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. We need clean water now.
89. Diana MacEwen (ZIP code: 04011)
90. Irl Rosner (ZIP code: 04011)
91. Jim Baskerville (ZIP code: 04011)
92. Jennifer Gray (ZIP code: 04011)
93. Paul Guay (ZIP code: 04011)

94. Bina Skordas (ZIP code: 04011)
95. Ward Clark (ZIP code: 04011)
96. Michelle Fournier (ZIP code: 04539)
97. Liam Taylor (ZIP code: 04011)
98. Gail Rosner (ZIP code: 04011)
99. Barbara Kantner (ZIP code: 04011)
100. Tom Mikulka (ZIP code: 04107)
    a. Is anyone talking about closing the airfield? It continues to be a serious liability for Brunswick residents.
101. Louisa Hart (ZIP code: 04011)
102. John Rothwell (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I want clean drinking water for myself and my family.
103. Allyson Sherwin (ZIP code: 04011)
104. Whitney Houghton (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. I support long term solutions to provide clean drinking water to residents affected by the August spill, as well as providing well testing.
105. Deana Farrell (ZIP code: 04011)
106. Katherine Guay (ZIP code: 04011)
107. Brian Debasitis (ZIP code: 04011)
108. Nancy Wagner (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Please help. This is beyond just drinking water. It is affecting the health of all of us, including developing children and our fragile, necessary ecosystem.
109. Erin Sturgeon (ZIP code: 04011)
110. Sarah Cline (ZIP code: 04011)
111. Valerie Scott (ZIP code: 04011)
112. Ryan Wagner (ZIP code: 04011)
113. Charlotte Agell (ZIP code: 04011)
    a. Water is Life
114. Claire Luce Baldwin (ZIP code: 04011)
115. Peter Simmons (ZIP code: 04011)
116. Deborah Leabman (ZIP code: 02176)
    a. Provide CLEAN DRINKING WATER TO BRUNSWICK NOW!!!!!!
117. Connie Armes (ZIP code: 04011)
118. Elizabeth Croston (ZIP code: 04011)
119. Thomas White (ZIP code: 04011)
120. Jane Clifford (ZIP code: 04444)
121. John Scott (ZIP code: 04011)
122. Nancy Heiser (ZIP code: 04011)
123. Louise Johnson (ZIP code: 04033)
124. Jan Mokros (ZIP code: 04011)
125. Frank Roberts (ZIP code: 04562)
126. Nancy Lemieux (ZIP code: 04011)
127. Derek VanVolkenburgh (ZIP code: 04011)
128. Amber Jensen (ZIP code: 04011)
129. Richard McGuire (ZIP code: 04011)
130. Patricia Maloney (ZIP code: 04086)

131. Kyle Clifford (ZIP code: Not Provided)
132. Mary Ramon (ZIP code: 04011)
133. Cammy Moraros (ZIP code: 04097)
134. Ali Askin (ZIP code: 04986)
135. Kelli Nelson (ZIP code: 04086)
    a. Brunswick owes its residents better. If the air force isn't going to take responsibility for cleaning up the mess, we can't just allow residents to drink unhealthy water. We've got to be better than that.
136. Katherine Clarrage (ZIP code: 04042)
    a. Please remedy this and keep Mainers now and in the future SAFE
137. Kat Moraros (ZIP code: 04096)
138. Megan Cross (ZIP code: 04062)
139. Katelyn Manfre (ZIP code: 04103)
140. Sararose Willey (ZIP code: 04011)
141. Jordan Doherty (ZIP code: 04011)
142. Charles Eng (ZIP code: 04294)
143. James Coffin (ZIP code: 04011)
144. Arianna Gordon (ZIP code: 04983)
145. Keith Meiler (ZIP code: 04012)
146. Lee Rose (ZIP code: 04011)
147. Simona Fields (ZIP code: 04011)
148. Molly Schen (ZIP code: 04106)
149. Sarah Otterson (ZIP code: 04281)
150. Jayne Costa (ZIP code: 04239)
    a. How is this impacting the water of the Wild Oats Bakery Restaurant and the Brewery that are very popular and water intensive? Reverse Osmosis water filtration devices that eliminate PFAS are expensive and contamination source owners should be held legally liable for all costs associated with cleanup and the long term effects by providing safe PFAS free drinking water to all impacted. Accidental incidents of Hazardous Materials discharges and threat to Public health case law should cover PFAS.
151. Deb Fahy (ZIP code: 04347)
152. Patricia O'Neil (ZIP code: 04090)
153. Nick Moraros (ZIP code: 04097)
154. Dennis L (ZIP code: 04011)
155. Mary Lynch (ZIP code: 04938)
156. Alicia Scott (ZIP code: 04011)
157. Finlay McQuade (ZIP code: 04011)
158. Andrew Brown (ZIP code: 04530)
159. Deborah Dillon (ZIP code: 04011)
160. Nicole O'Brien (ZIP code: 04101)
161. Scott Nobel (ZIP code: 04101)