

1 **2021 RES-088**

2 **SPECIFYING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING PFAS MONITORING AND**
3 **OPPOSING THE SITTING OF THE F-35 SQUADRON IN DANE COUNTY**
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5 In 2019, the Dane County Regional Airport was required to complete testing for PFAS in order to
6 renew their permit for stormwater discharge at the airport. Testing revealed PFAS in the
7 stormwater that will require investigation and cleanup of the site.

8 (Source: <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/environmental-hazards/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-1>)
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11 In the City of Madison, known sources of PFAS contamination are Truax Field Air National Guard
12 Base and the Regional Airport due to the use of firefighting foams at these sites. There is potential
13 for further contamination at the airport due to construction projects related to the beddown of the
14 F-35A fighter jets.

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16 Work is underway by various agencies, including the Wisconsin Department of Natural
17 Resources, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Dane County, and City of Madison to address this
18 PFAS contamination. This contamination is linked to PFAS being found in stormwater discharge,
19 area wells, and nearby surface waters.

20 (Source: <https://madsewerpfasinitiative.org/>)
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22 The United States Air Force F-35A Operational Beddown Environmental Impact Statement and
23 Environmental Assessment further highlight potential health and safety risks which will
24 disproportionately impact low-income residents and people of color in Dane County. Dane
25 County already has historically high racial disparities in public health and welfare.
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27 To protect the health, safety, and drinking water of the residents of Dane County:
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dane County Corporation Counsel will produce a legal
30 opinion on any and all ways the County can regulate airport activities, construction and the work
31 to clean up PFAS discharges through its stormwater ordinances and any other authority the
32 County has.
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dane County will create a central clearinghouse web site that will
35 contain

- 36 • All PFAS tests performed and results.
- 37 • Public notices and meeting notes of any meetings between County departments, the
38 Wisconsin DNR, the Wisconsin Air National Guard, and any Private Contractors working
39 on projects related to the F-35A Operational Beddown.
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dane County Corporation Counsel, the County Lobbyist, and the
42 Airport Director will provide updates on all projects related to the F-35A Operational Beddown to
43 the County Board on at least a quarterly basis and will be available to attend meetings of the
44 Airport Commission and the Environmental, Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee when
45 requested.
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board directs the Dane County Corporation Counsel to
48 explore how to use any and all tools available to halt all construction projects at the airport if a
49 PFAS test exceeds levels prescribed by the Wisconsin DNR or federal Environmental Protection
50 Agency.
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dane County Board opposes the basing of a squadron of F 35A
53 fighter jets at Truax Field because it is contrary to Dane County's strong commitment to racial
54 equity and social justice, clean air and water, and preventing and ending homelessness.
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56 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Acting Secretary of the
57 U.S. Air Force John P. Roth, Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, U.S. Representative
58 Mark Pocan, Governor Tony Evers, Interim Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Joane K. Mathews Paul
59 Knapp, and State Senators and Representatives serving Dane County in the State Legislature.