

PER-AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

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DOD PFAS EFFORTS: OVERVIEW



The DoD PFAS Task Force (10 USC 2714); Responsible for Ensuring DoD is Addressing PFAS in a Consistent and Holistic Manner across the Department

- Chaired by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, & Environment (ASD(EI&E)) and members include ASDs from each Military Department and Health Affairs
- Oversees all PFAS activities across DoD with five main focus areas:



(MilSpec) for a Fluorine-Free Firefighting Foam in January eliminating use of the 2023 and is Beginning the Transition to AFFF Alternatives

Stopped using AFFF for land-based testing or training – unless it can be completely contained and disposed

AFFF Replacement: DoD Published a Military Specification

- Products are currently being qualified under the MilSpec and should be available for purchase this summer
- Alternative technologies also available (e.g., floor drains, water systems)
- Working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and other Federal agencies
- FY2020 NDAA: Stop buying AFFF by October 1, 2023 and using by October 1, 2024 – 2026

PFAS TASK FORCE: MITIGATING AND ELIMINATING **USE OF THE CURRENT AFFF**



Mitigating and

current AFFF

related to PFAS

impacts of PFAS on

Expanding

PFAS-related public

PFAS TASK FORCE: FULFILLING OUR CLEANUP RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO PFAS



Mitigating and

Fulfilling our cleanup responsibilities

related to PFAS

PFAS Cleanup: DoD is committed to cleaning up our PFAS releases as quickly as possible. We have already addressed drinking water above EPA's guidance levels of 70 ppt, and are continuing longterm cleanup actions to fully address soil and groundwater.

DOD FOLLOWS THE FEDERAL CLEANUP LAW – CERCLA

 DOD follows the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 (also known as "Superfund") and long-standing EPA regulations for all chemicals in our cleanup program, including PFAS



PFAS TASK FORCE: FULFILLING OUR CLEANUP RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO PFAS



FY2022 NDAA REQUIRES PA/SI COMPLETION BY DECEMBER 27, 2023

- On track to complete 99% by the deadline as of Dec 31, 2022
- Challenges exist that could affect DoD meeting the requirement (e.g., changing EPA screening levels)



Installations/Locations	Non-BRAC	BRAC
Installations/Locations Being		
Assessed (PA/SI) (706)	590	116
PA/SI Complete (405)	336	69
RI Initiated (264)	231	33
Removal Actions (53)	39	14
PFAS FY22 Actuals (\$536M)	\$417M	\$119M
PFAS FY23 Planned (\$541M)	\$294M	\$247M

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DoD has obligated \$2 billion through FY2022 - total future cost - unknown



Research and Development: DoD is investing in research and development to advance technologies to expedite PFAS cleanup and supports over 200 technology development and demonstration projects

- DOD has invested over \$160M through Fiscal Year 2022 with another \$60M planned through FY2025
- DOD supports over 200 technology development and demonstration projects including:
 - Development of analytical methods for PFAS in media other than drinking water
 - Rapid, in-field analysis methods for mapping of impacted areas
 - Determination of pathways for PFAS migration in soil
 - Destruction methods for PFAS that do not involve incineration

DOD R&D INVESTMENT



Public Outreach: DoD is working to enhance communication and outreach with stakeholders, including PFAS-impacted communities across the country

- PFAS Communications Strategy
- Increased the availability and functionality to search DoD PFAS information/data
- Increasing public engagement at both the ASD(EI&E) and local level
- Augmenting existing risk communication training for installation personnel
- Identifying additional formats or platforms for presenting information
- Developing mechanisms to improve communication based on public feedback (e.g., interview communities to establish best practices)









Public involvement: Communications, Outreach, & Transparency



Three main tools promote community engagement and maximize transparency, public participation, and collaboration during the cleanup process DoD tailors outreach and communication to meet community needs and engage the community throughout the cleanup process

- Community Involvement Plan (CIP)
- Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
- Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

DoD values and considers stakeholders' needs and concerns; decisions are more implementable, effective, and accepted



Public involvement: Looking ahead



Solicit and integrate public feedback

- Public outreach events
- Community interviews
- Observe RAB meetings

Improve communication

- □ Promote communication tools
- □ Revise the RAB Handbook
- Augment Risk Communication training

Process improvement

- □ Assess existing CIPs and RABs
- □ Track TAPP funding requests
- □ Assist TAPP application process



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