

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Request for Public Review and Comment of the 2024 Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for a Non-Time Critical Removal Action for Perfluorooctanoic Acid and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid in Private Drinking Water Wells near Shaw Air Force Base (AFB), Sumter South Carolina

The United States Air Force (USAF) will conduct a non-time critical removal action to address releases of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) from the use of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) during USAF firefighting activities at Shaw AFB. While AFFF was used in accordance with manufacturer guidelines, AFFF contained PFOA and PFOS that are a likely potential source of contamination in groundwater used as drinking water for residences and businesses south of Shaw AFB. PFOA and PFOS were detected in privately-owned drinking water wells at concentrations greater than the response action level of 70 ng/L. These levels of PFOS and/or PFOA prevent residents and businesses from using these wells for drinking water and created the need for this action.

This engineering evaluation and cost analysis (EE/CA) states the removal action objective (to remove exposure to drinking water that is above 70 ng/L), evaluates alternatives for conducting the removal action, and recommends the alternative that should be implemented to achieve the removal action objective.

The USAF is seeking input from the public on this document. Copies of the EE/CA summary, the complete EE/CA document, and additional information are available on the Air Force Civil Engineer Center Administrative Record Search website: [ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil](https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil). Select the "Continue to site" in the center of the page. On the following page, then select "Active Duty" in the upper left corner of the screen. Scroll down the **Installation List** located on the left side of the page and click on "Shaw AFB, SC". Locate the AR# field in the center of the screen and, enter "4147" on this line and then click "Search" at the bottom of the page. This will pull up a list of EE/CA related summary documents at the bottom of the page. Click on the eyeball symbol on the left side of document # 4147-11 to view the 2024 EE/CA.

A hard copy of the EE/CA document and additional information are also available for review at the Sumter County Library located at 111 N. Harvin St. The library is open Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm and is available by phone at 803-773-7273.

The 30-day public comment period is from [September 14, 2024](#) through [October 14, 2024](#). Comments must be postmarked or emailed by [October 14, 2024](#).

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