#### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE



### 20th FIGHTER WING (ACC) SHAW AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH CAROLINA

### MEMORANDUM FOR RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEMBERS

FROM: 20 CES/CEIE

**SUBJECT: RAB Meeting Minutes** 

### 1. Meeting information

Date: 2 June 2025

Time: Open House – 1700-1900; RAB – 1900-2000

Location: Cherryvale Elementary School, 1420 Furman Drive, Sumter, South Carolina 29154

Air Force Co-Chair: Mr. Raymond Magby, 20 MSG/DD Community Co-Chair: Mr. Daniel Burkett (not present)

### 2. Attendees

### **RAB Members**

Mr. Mike Danielsen, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES)

Mr. Raymond Magby, 20 MSG/CC

### City/County Officials

Mr. Johnathan Bryan, Sumter County (Attorney)

Mr. Anthony Gibson, City of Sumter (City Councilman)

Mr. Gary Mixon, Sumter County (County Administrator)

### **SCDES**

Ms. Keehna Frasier

Ms. Gabrielle Hallows

Mr. Kent Krieg

Ms. Sandra Snyder

### **Community Members**

Mr. James Adams

Mr. Robert Dobbs

Ms. Michele Hinson

Ms. Kathleen Kreklau

### Media

Ms. Deirdre Currin, Sumter Item

### Others, Air Force Affiliated

Capt Alan Abernethy, 20 FW/PA

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Mark Humphries, 20 CES/CEI

MSgt Amanda Sampson, 20 FW/PA

Mr. Eric Ackerman, Weston Solutions

Mr. Corey Anderson, Brice Engineering

Ms. Anna Butler, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Savannah District

Ms. Genesis Corral, Brice Engineering

Mr. Gary "Griff" Cox, Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC)/CZOE

Mr. Kyle Dermatis, Bay West

Ms. Jen Dottorellli, Arcadis

Mr. Jon Downie, Bay West

Ms. Leigh-Ann Fabianke, Galen Driscol

Mr. Gary Fields, Cherokee Federal

Mr. Mark Fisherkeller, Arcadis

Ms. Kathleen Hamrick, Arcadis

Ms. Amanda Malaney, Bay West

Mr. Matt Martin, Cherokee Federal

Mr. Tim Murphy, 20 FW/JA

Mr. Brian Odom, Aerostar

Mr. Fred Otto, AFCEC/CZOE

Ms. Sophia Owens, USACE

Ms. Laura Powers, AFCEC/CZOE

Mr. Bette Ross, SRNS

Mr. Juvenal Salomon, AFCEC/CZOE

Mr. Mark Summers, AFCEC/CZOE

Mr. Chris Wargo, AFCEC/CZOE

Mr. Nick Woodman, Weston Solutions

Mr. Rick Workentine, 20 CES/CEI

### 3. Open House

Prior to the RAB meeting, a two-hour open house was held at the same location providing an additional opportunity for the public to receive information about the Shaw AFB Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) and Air Force response actions to address Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Four poster stations at the open house staffed with the ERP team, Air Force representatives, and subject matter experts allowed attendees to speak one-on-one with team members and ask questions specific to their concerns, property or drinking water well. Handouts with contact information, and PFAS-related informational resources from SCDES and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) were available. As applicable, community members could also sign-up for PFAS sampling of their private well.

### 4. RAB Meeting Welcome

Ms. Leigh-Ann Fabianke, Galen Driscol, served as the meeting facilitator and commenced the meeting at 1900. Ms. Fabianke introduced Mr. Raymond Magby, the Air Force RAB co-chair. Mr. Magby welcomed and thanked everyone for participating. He stated that community involvement is a critical element of the environmental cleanup process, and the RAB is an opportunity for the Air Force to share updated information about environmental restoration activities and to hear feedback from the community. The safety and health of Airmen, their families and communities surrounding Shaw AFB are top Air Force priorities.

### 5. Introductions

Ms. Fabianke introduced Mr. Juv Salomon and Mr. Chris Wargo, the Shaw Remedial Project Managers (RPMs). RAB members present introduced themselves as did representatives from SCDES, Sumter County and city officials, and personnel from the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office. Mr. Salomon shared that the purpose of the RAB is to promote community awareness and obtain constructive community review on current and proposed environmental cleanup actions. The RAB mission is to provide open and interactive dialogue among stakeholders. Mr. Salomon explained that the Air Force technical briefing during the meeting will cover updates regarding the Shaw AFB ERP, the ongoing cleanup of Shaw AFB, and the Air Force's response to PFAS in groundwater. The Shaw ERP is responsible for cleaning up contamination from past operations on and surrounding the installation. Due to historical practices deemed appropriate at the time, contamination found its way into the groundwater and some of this contaminated groundwater has moved off-base.

### 6. Stakeholder/RAB Member Updates

No stakeholders or RAB members expressed interest in providing an update.

### 7. Shaw ERP Update

Cleanup of legacy environmental sites began at Shaw AFB in 1983, and 104 of the 124 sites have now been closed. The cleanup program is managed under the State's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permitting program with SCDES being the lead agency. To address the remaining open sites, ensure regulatory compliance and to continually optimize environmental remedies in-place, a multi-year, base-wide cleanup contract is executed by the Air Force, called an Optimized Remediation Contract (ORC). To date, approximately \$150M has been spent cleaning up the legacy sites.

Mr. Salomon explained that PFAS are a group of synthetic fluorinated chemicals used in industrial and consumer products to resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. It is also found in a firefighting agent previously used by the Department of Defense (DoD) called Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF). At Shaw AFB, and across the Air Force, AFFF has been replaced with a new fluorine-free foam (F3). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created enforceable PFAS drinking water standards, or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), which became effective on June 25, 2024. Two common PFAS, Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS), each have a MCL of 4 parts per trillion (ppt). For comparison, one ppt is the equivalent of a single drop of water in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Affected public water systems have five years to comply with these drinking water standards. The Air Force is conducting prioritized responses to address the PFAS MCLs.

In November 2021, the Air Force collected samples along the Shaw AFB boundary and confirmed the potential flow of PFAS-impacted groundwater off-base. A Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI) was conducted to determine the extent of contamination in six identified PFAS release areas. The Phase I RI report submitted in January 2025 recommended expanding the investigation area to address any additional identified drinking water concerns.

The Air Force has already taken numerous steps to address PFAS impacts both on and off base, including adding PFAS filtration to the Groundwater Treatment Plant (GWTP) in December 2020. At full operation, this GWTP treats approximately 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) of groundwater. Currently this GWTP is undergoing system optimization and resiliency upgrades. Another GWTP is being constructed to filter PFAS-contaminated groundwater from three former fire training areas at Shaw AFB. This GWTP will be completed in July 2025. A filter was added to Base Well #3 in December 2024, which provides drinking water for the installation.

Since February 2020, more than 265 off-base drinking water wells have been sampled. More than 1,120 land parcels have been surveyed to the south, east, and west of Shaw AFB. Due to implementation of the EPA PFAS MCLs, an additional 165 impacted wells were identified and are being prioritized for corrective action. To provide a long-term solution to PFAS-impacted wells, the Air Force is connecting residences to municipal water. Thirty municipal connections have been completed with more underway. Soon the Air Force will connect three mobile home parks to municipal water. The Air Force asked the community to please share information with their neighbors about drinking water well testing and to reach out to the Air Force with any questions or concerns. To date, the Air Force has spent approximately \$75M on PFAS response at Shaw AFB.

### 8. Public Comment/Questions

Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments:

**Question 1:** Is it safe to garden in the soil and eat the fruit and vegetables watered with my PFAS-impacted well water?

**Response 1:** Only soil historically sprayed with AFFF should be impacted. Since the Air Force did not spray AFFF off base, there should not be PFAS impacted soils outside the base boundary. Since the science and understanding of PFAS is evolving, it is not fully known what the effects are of consuming produce watered with PFAS-impacted water. For health-related questions/concerns, attendees were encouraged to contact Ms. Leann

Bing at the Agency for Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) at (770) 488-3002 or <a href="mailto:KBing@cdc.gov">KBing@cdc.gov</a>. The ATSDR PFAS webpage is <a href="www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/">www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/</a> or to reach an ATSDR physician, email <a href="mailto:PFAS@cdc.gov">PFAS@cdc.gov</a>. Attendees can also utilize the provided ATSDR handout, "Talking to your physician about PFAS".

**Statement 2:** A community member expressed concern about her shallow well and being told she cannot drink the water. She said she understands the Air Force is doing what it can to address the problem.

**Response 2:** Mr. Wargo will reach out to this resident to discuss her concerns and situation in more detail.

**Statement 3:** A community member shared thanks with the Air Force for holding this meeting but expressed that more people should attend. She suggested the Air Force could give flyers to the RAB and other community members to help spread information about meetings and updates.

**Response 3:** The Air Force noted this as a potential outreach initiative.

### 9. RAB Business Update

Shaw AFB is accepting applications for new RAB members. Anyone interested should contact the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at (803) 895-2019 or <a href="mailto:20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil">20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil</a>. Additional information about the Shaw AFB ERP is available at: <a href="https://www.shaw.af.mil/Public-Affairs/Community-Engagement/Environmental">www.shaw.af.mil/Public-Affairs/Community-Engagement/Environmental</a>. The Air Force Administrative Record, the official record of cleanup action decision documents and can be found at: <a href="https://ar.afceccloud.af.mil/">https://ar.afceccloud.af.mil/</a>. The next RAB meeting will be held in June 2026, but the exact date is to be determined.

#### 10. Conclusion

Mr. Salomon stated that if anyone has additional questions, to please reach out to him before leaving the meeting or contact the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office. Mr. Mixon, County Administrator, thanked the Air Force for hosting this informative event and shared appreciation for keeping the community updated and engaged. Mr. Danielsen, SCDES, mentioned that the state has, and will continue to, work closely with the Air Force to address environmental impacts and community concerns. Mr. Magby provided closing comments, emphasizing that addressing environmental issues and conducting PFAS response actions are important to the Air Force mission and involving the community surrounding Shaw AFB in the cleanup process is essential. He also thanked everyone for attending the open house and RAB meeting and highlighted that the Air Force will continue to collaborate with SCDES on the cleanup process and provide information to the public as it is available.

#	Action Item	Who	Status
1.	A community member completed a RAB application. The Air Force will contact her to discuss her participation in	Air Force	OPEN
	the RAB and concerns she indicated regarding her		
	drinking water well.		

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JUVENAL Q. SALOMON, GS-13, DAF RAB Administrator

Approved as written.

RAYMOND S. MAGBY, GS-14, DAF Deputy Director for Installation Support

Attachment A- Shaw AFB Open House Map & Posters, June 2, 2025 Attachment B- Shaw AFB RAB Agenda & Slides, June 2, 2025

cc: 20 FW/CV/JA/PA/HO 20 MSG/CC/DD 20 MDG/SGPB 20 CES/CC/CEI/CEIE AFCEC/CZOE AFCEC/CZR USACE SCDES

# Attachment A Shaw Air Force Base Open House Map

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**Posters** 

June 2, 2025

### **SHAW AFB OPEN HOUSE MAP**

### STATION 1: LEGACY CONTAMINATION AND OPTIMIZED **REMEDIATION CONTRACT**

**POSTER 1: Optimized** Remediation Contract (ORC) **Overview Map** 

**POSTER 2:** Groundwater **Treatment Plant** (GWTP) **Plume Map** 

**POSTER 3:** 

**GWTP #1 Treatment System** (Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and PFAS)

**POSTER 4:** 

Legacy Contamination Community Outreach

### STATION 2: OVERVIEW OF PFAS AND SHAW AFB USAGE AND **INVESTIGATIONS**

**POSTER 5:** 

What is PFAS?

POSTER 8:

Remedial

Investigation (RI)

**Findings** 

**POSTER 6: How PFAS** Gets into the **Environment** 

**POSTER 7: PFAS Impacts** 

at Shaw AFB

**South Carolina Department of Environmental Services Private Drinking Water Testing Sign-up** 



**GREETING/CHECK-IN AREA** 

• Sign-in sheet



**HANDOUT** 

**Shaw AFB Open House Map** (front)

**Quick Reference Tool** (back)



### STATION 3: ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF PFAS IN OFF-BASE **DRINKING WATER**

POSTER 9:

RI

**Findings** 

POSTER 10:

**Current Off-Base Well** Sampling

POSTER 11:

**EPA MCLs and Expanding of** Off-Base Well Sampling

**POSTER 12:** 

**Additional PFAS** Resources and Information (EPA, ATSDR, SCDES)



STATION 4: PFAS REMEDIATION MEASURES AT SHAW AFB

= indicates Picture Poster

**POSTER 13:** 

Success at **Shaw AFB** 

**POSTER 14:** 

Base Well 3 Installation of Ion-Exchange **Reason Filter** 



**POSTER 15:** 

**Picture Poster** 



**POSTER 16:** 

**Interim Action Point Source** Removal



**POSTER 17:** 

**Picture Poster** 



**POSTER 18:** 

**Picture** Poster



**POSTER 19:** 

**Picture Poster** 



**Tabletop** Computer Model



# SHAW AFB OPEN HOUSE QUICK REFERENCE TOOL

A concise handout for Open House attendees, providing key contact information and links to additional resources and materials presented during the event.

### **POINTS OF CONTACT**

### **Shaw AFB Public Affairs Office**

20th Fighter Wing (803) 895-2019 20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil



### South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES)

Stacey French, P.E.
Assistant Chief
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
(803) 898-0238
Stacey.French@des.sc.gov

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Leann Bing Environmental Health Scientist Region 4 Representative (770) 488-3002 KBing@cdc.gov

SCAN FOR ATSDR PFAS INFO



For more information about the Shaw AFB Environmental Restoration Program, visit:

www.shaw.af.mil/Public-Affairs/Community-

**Engagement/Environmental** 

Official record of Shaw AFB cleanup action decision documents can be found in the Administrative Record:

https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/



### PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) WEBSITES

**South Carolina Department of Environmental Services:** 

https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-water/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas

SCAN FOR SCDES PFAS INFO





#### Air Force:

https://www.afcec.af.mil/What-We-Do/Environment/Per-and-Polyfluoroalkl-Substances/

### **Department of Defense:**

https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas

### **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry:**

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html

SCAN FOR ATSDR PFAS INFO







SCAN FOR DoD PFAS INFO



### **COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS**

AFB - Air Force Base

**AFCEC** - Air Force Civil Engineering Center

AFFF - Aqueous Film Forming Foam

AR - Administrative Record

**ATSDR** - Agency for Toxic Substances and

Disease Registry

**CERCLA** - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

CIP - Community Involvement Plan

**DoD** - Department of Defense

**ECCO** - Environmental Cleanup Communications and Outreach

**EJ** - Environmental Justice

**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency

**ERP** - Environmental Restoration Program

FFA - Federal Facilities Agreement

FS - Feasibility Study

**GW** - Groundwater

IA - Interim Action

IRA - Interim Remedial Action

LTM - Long-term monitoring

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level

MW - Monitoring well

NFA - No further action

NPL - National Priorities List

NTCRA - Non-Time Critical Removal Action

**ODASD** - Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

**ORC** - Optimized Remediation Contract

**PA/SI** - Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection

PII - Personally Identifiable Information

**PFAS** - Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

POC - Point of contact

**POET** - Point-of-Entry Treatment

**POUT** - Point-of-Use Treatment

PP - Proposed plan

**PPT** - Parts per trillion

**PRP** - Potentially Responsible Party

RA - Remedial Action

RAB - Restoration Advisory Board

**RBCA** - Risk Based Corrective Action

**RBSL** - Risk-Based Screening Levels

RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RI - Remedial Investigation

ROD - Record of Decision

RPM - Remedial Project Manager

**RSL** - Regional Screening Level

**SCDES** - South Carolina Department of

**Environmental Services** 

**SDWA** - Safe Drinking Water Act

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act

SME - Subject Matter Expert

**USACE** - United States Army Corps of Engineers

**UST** - Underground Storage Tank

**UU/UE** - Unrestricted

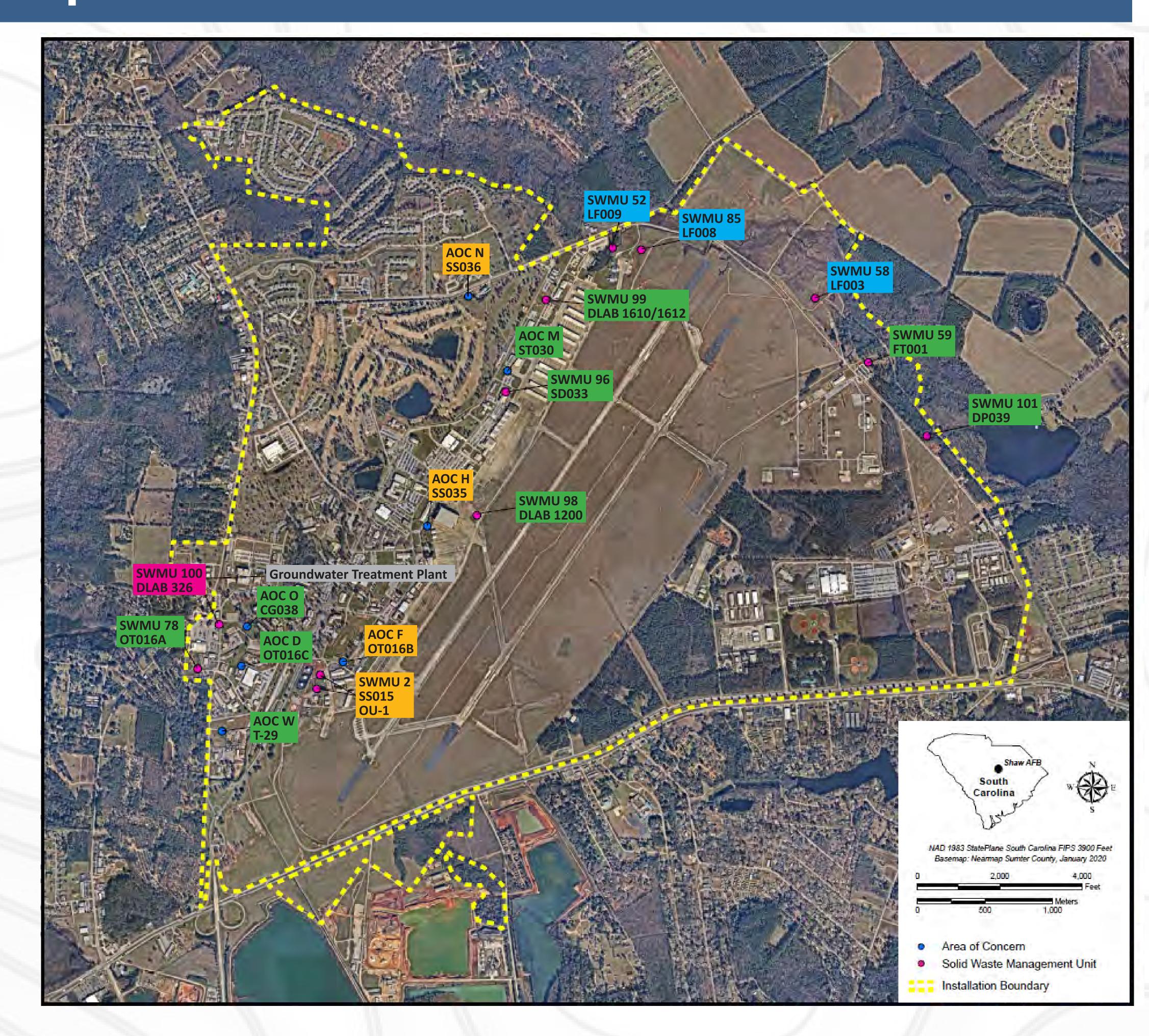
Exposure/Unrestricted Use

**VOCs** - Volatile Organic Compounds

WP - Work plan

**WWTP** - Wastewater Treatment Plant

# Optimized Remediation Contract Overview



# Advanced Site Characterization with ongoing Remedial Action-Operation (4 sites)

- OT016B (AOC F)
- SS015 (OU-1/SWMU 2)
- SS035 (SD029/AOC H)
- SS036 (AOC N)

### Remedial Action – Operation (10 sites)

- CG038 (AOC O)
- FT001 (SWMU 59)
- OT016C (AOC D and AOC W)
- ST018 (SWMU 87) UST Site
- ST030 (AOC M)
- SD033 (SWMU 96)
- DLA Building 1200 (SWMU 98)
- DLA Building 1610 (SWMU 99)
- DP039 (AOC32/SWMU 101)
- OT016A (SWMU 78)

# Long Term Management with LUCs and Landfill cover maintenance (3 sites)

- LF003 (SWMU 58)
- LF008 (SWMU 85)
- LF009 (SWMU 52)

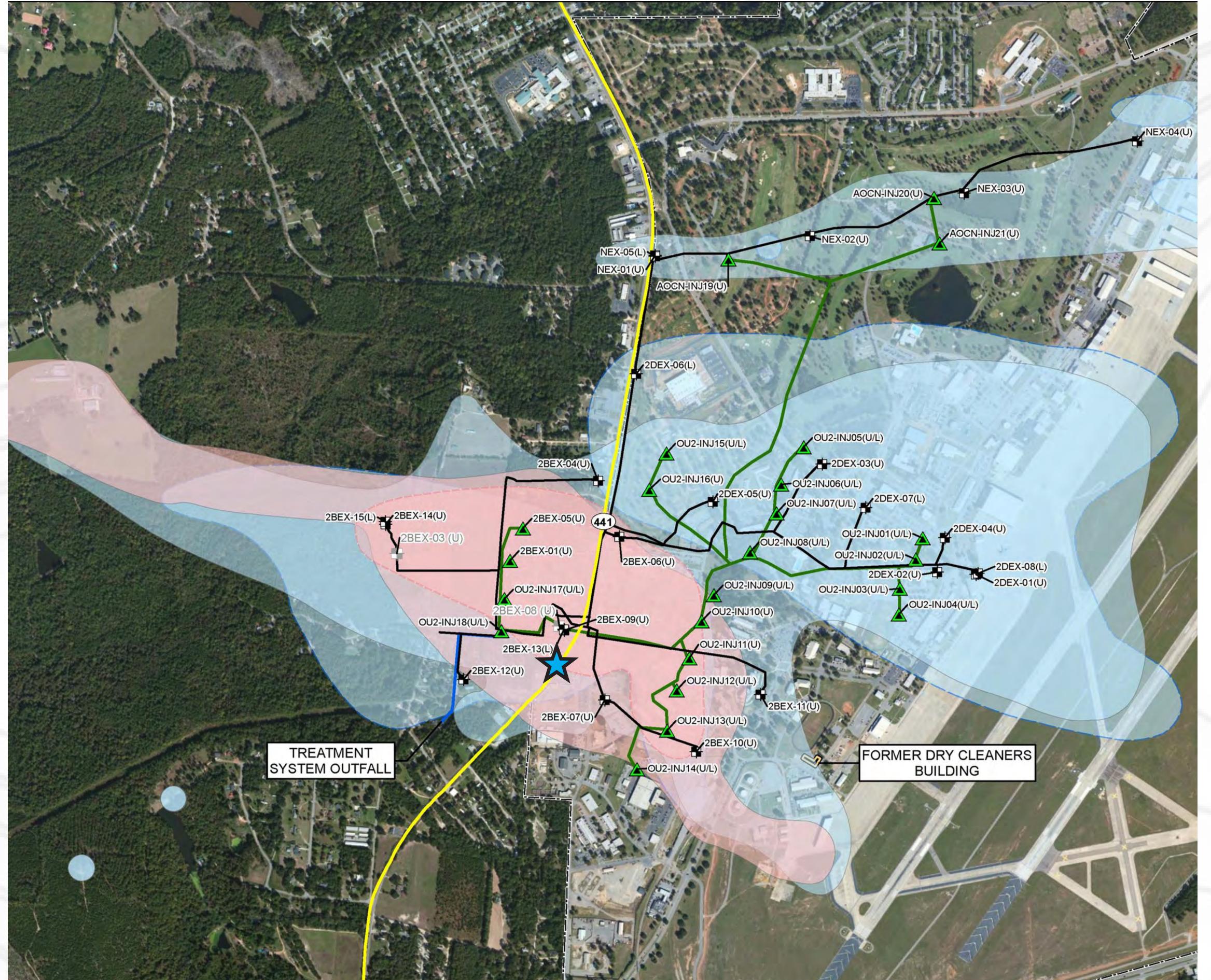
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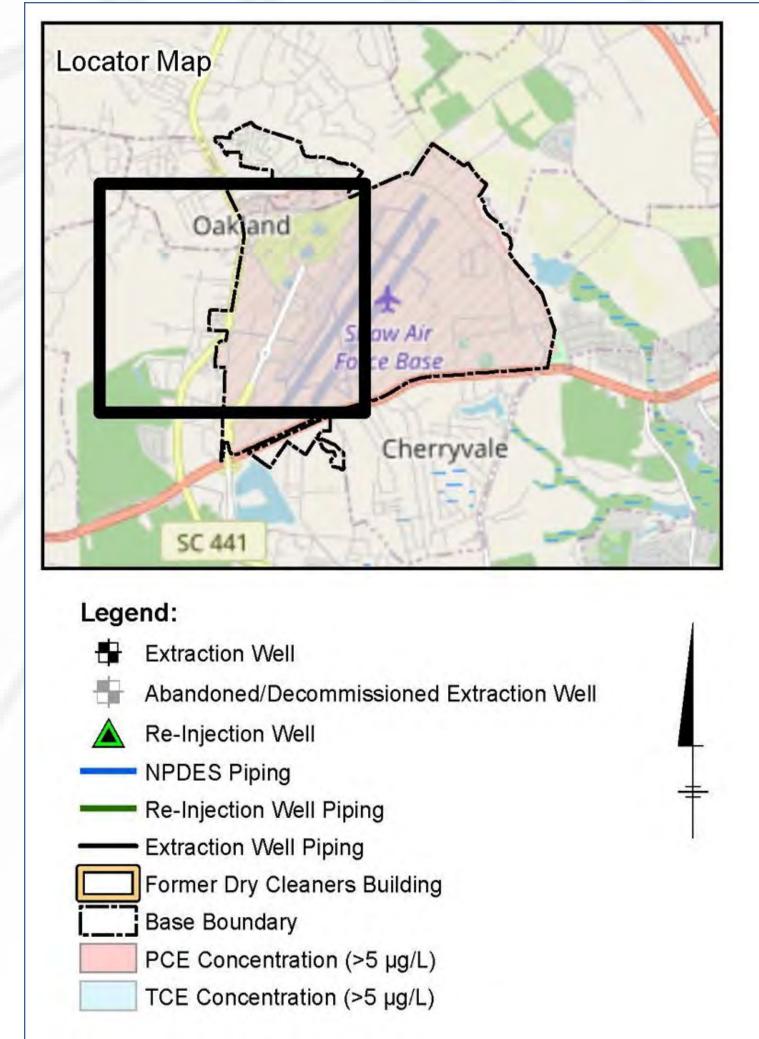
DLA Building 326 (SWMU 100) – UST site





# Shaw AFB – Groundwater Treatment Plant #1





- Depicts the approximate location of the Groundwater Treatment Plant (GWTP) building.
- Black lines depict extraction well piping where groundwater is pumped from the extraction wells to the GWTP.
- **Green lines** depict re-injection piping where treated groundwater is pumped from the GWTP building to injection wells that inject the clean groundwater back into the ground.
- Shaded pink and blue areas depict the extent of PCE/TCE contamination based on groundwater sampling results.



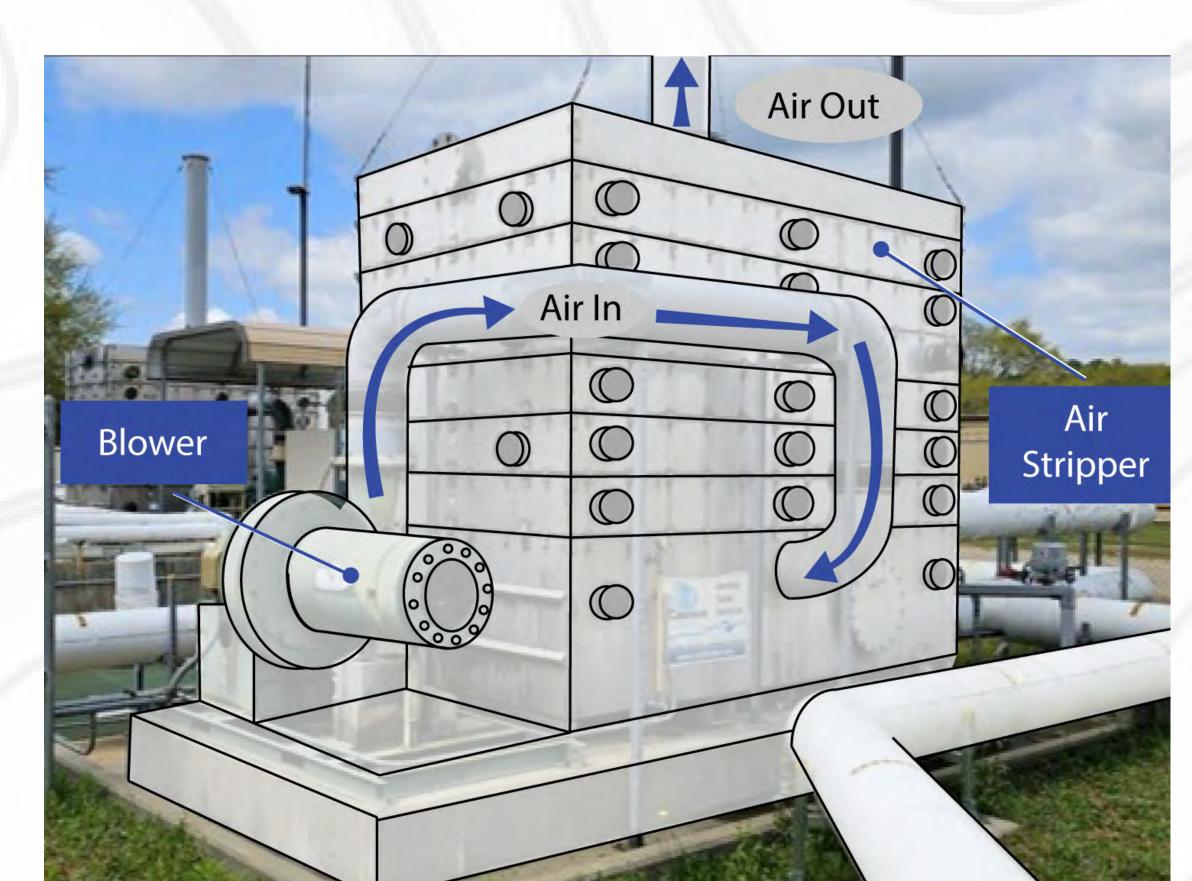


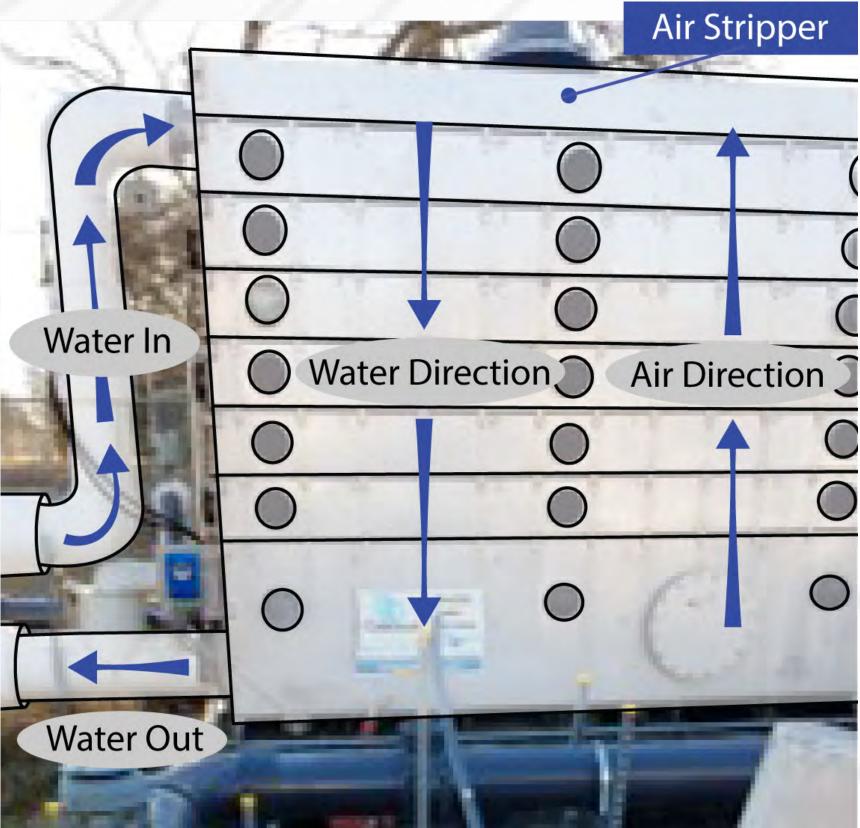
# Shaw AFB – Groundwater Treatment Plant #1

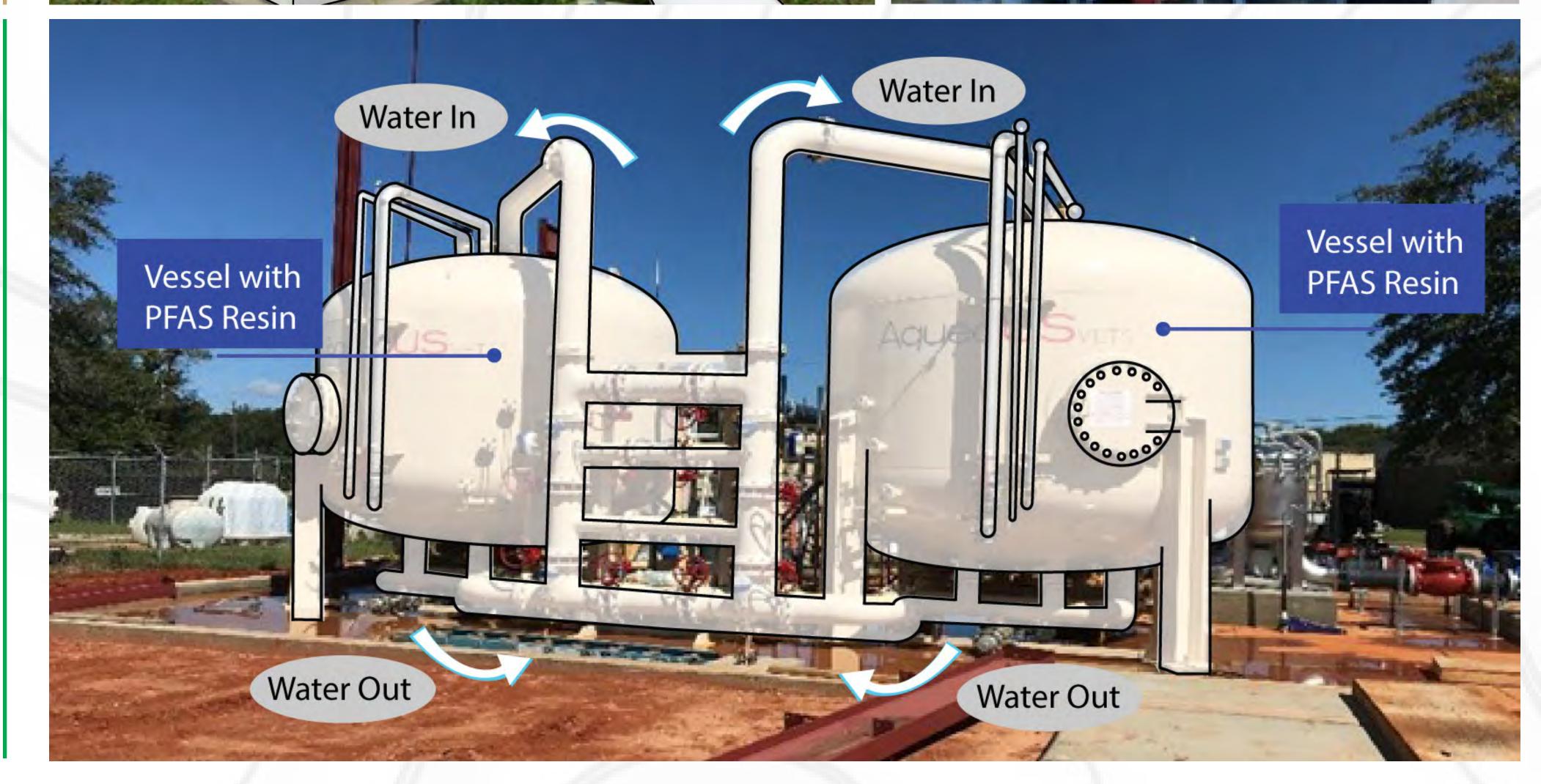
Groundwater Treatment Plant #1 treats groundwater for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) through two different processes:

- 1 VOCs in groundwater are treated by air strippers. Groundwater is aerated as it flows down the air stripper over a series of perforated trays while air is forced upward through the trays. VOCs are transferred from the liquid phase to the gas phase.
- 2 PFAS in groundwater is treated by ion exchange resin. Groundwater is pumped through the resin vessels. The resin consists of positively charged anions that attract the negatively charged PFAS ions.

123.6 million gallons of groundwater was treated in 2023, which is approximately 235 gallons a minute.



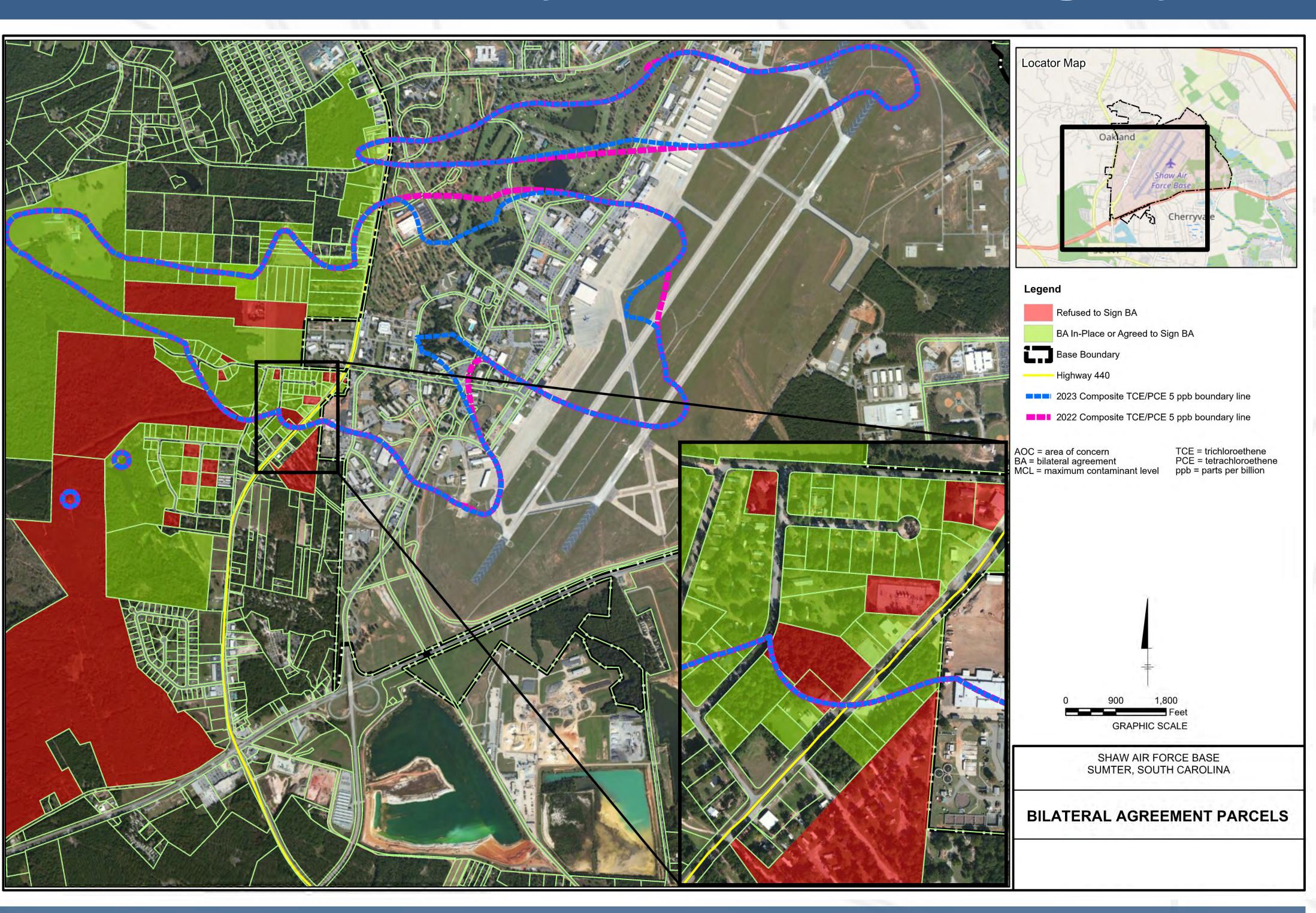








# Shaw Community Outreach for Legacy Contaminants (VOCs)



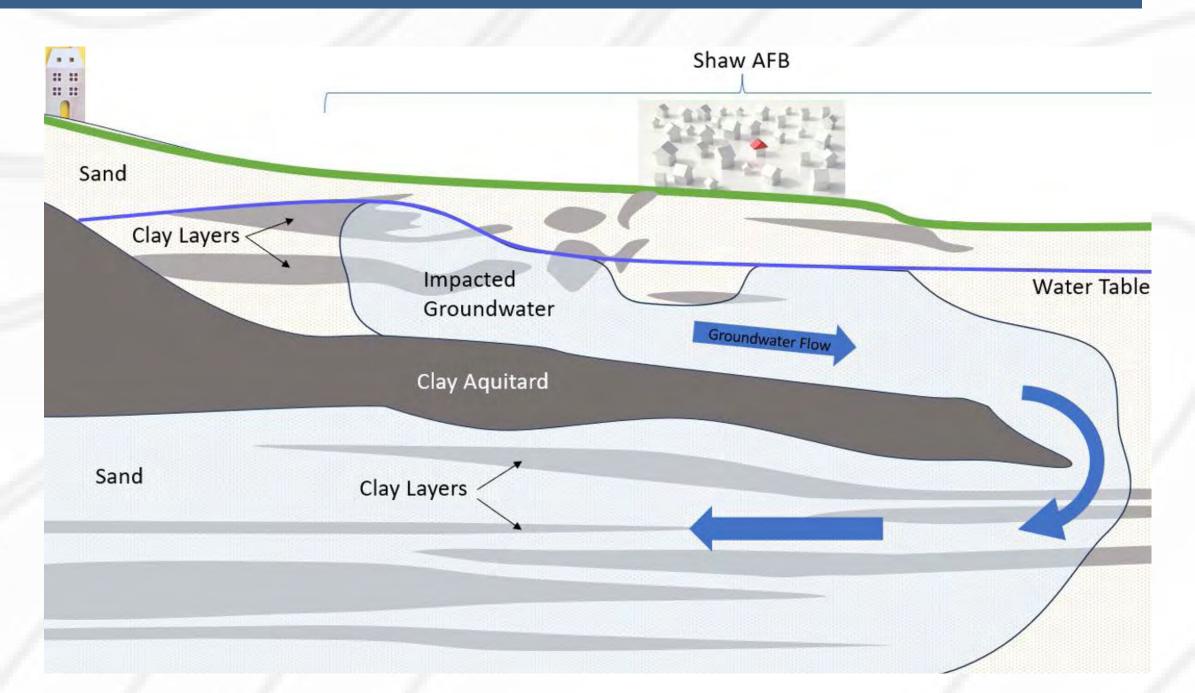
### For Additional Information, contact:

Juvenal Q. Salomon Shaw AFB RPM (803) 895-9991

Christopher A. Wargo Shaw AFB RPM (803) 895-5192







### **Property Owner Communication Protocol**

- Quarterly / Annual On- and Off-Base
   Groundwater Sampling
- Annual Evaluation of Data (CMIPR) –
   Establishes Footprint of VOC Plume
- Quarterly Review of Property Transactions
- Bilateral Agreement Invitation
- Annual Well Inventory
  - FOIA to South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (formerly DHEC)
  - Contact with Local Drillers
- Annual LUC Notification
- Groundwater Monitoring Results Letters (only to homeowners with a monitoring well located on their property).



# WHATIS PFAS?

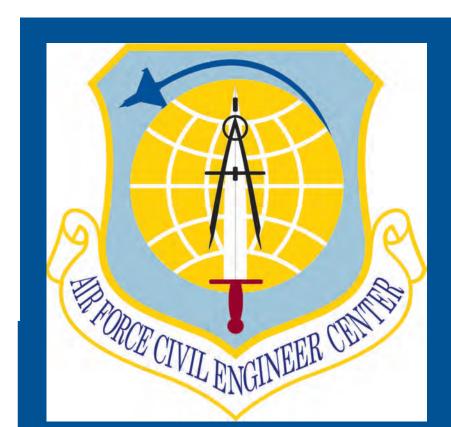


Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, known as PFAS, are a class of chemicals used in many products including food packaging, nonstick cookware and firefighting foam. PFAS are sometimes called "forever chemicals" because they do not breakdown easily in the environment or in the human body.

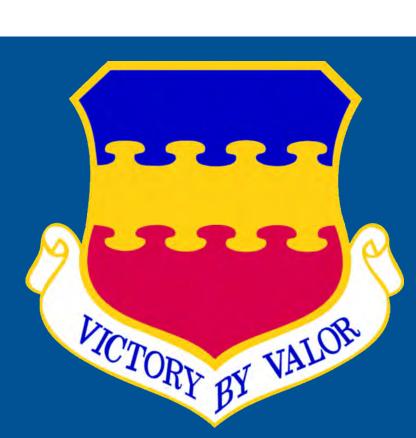


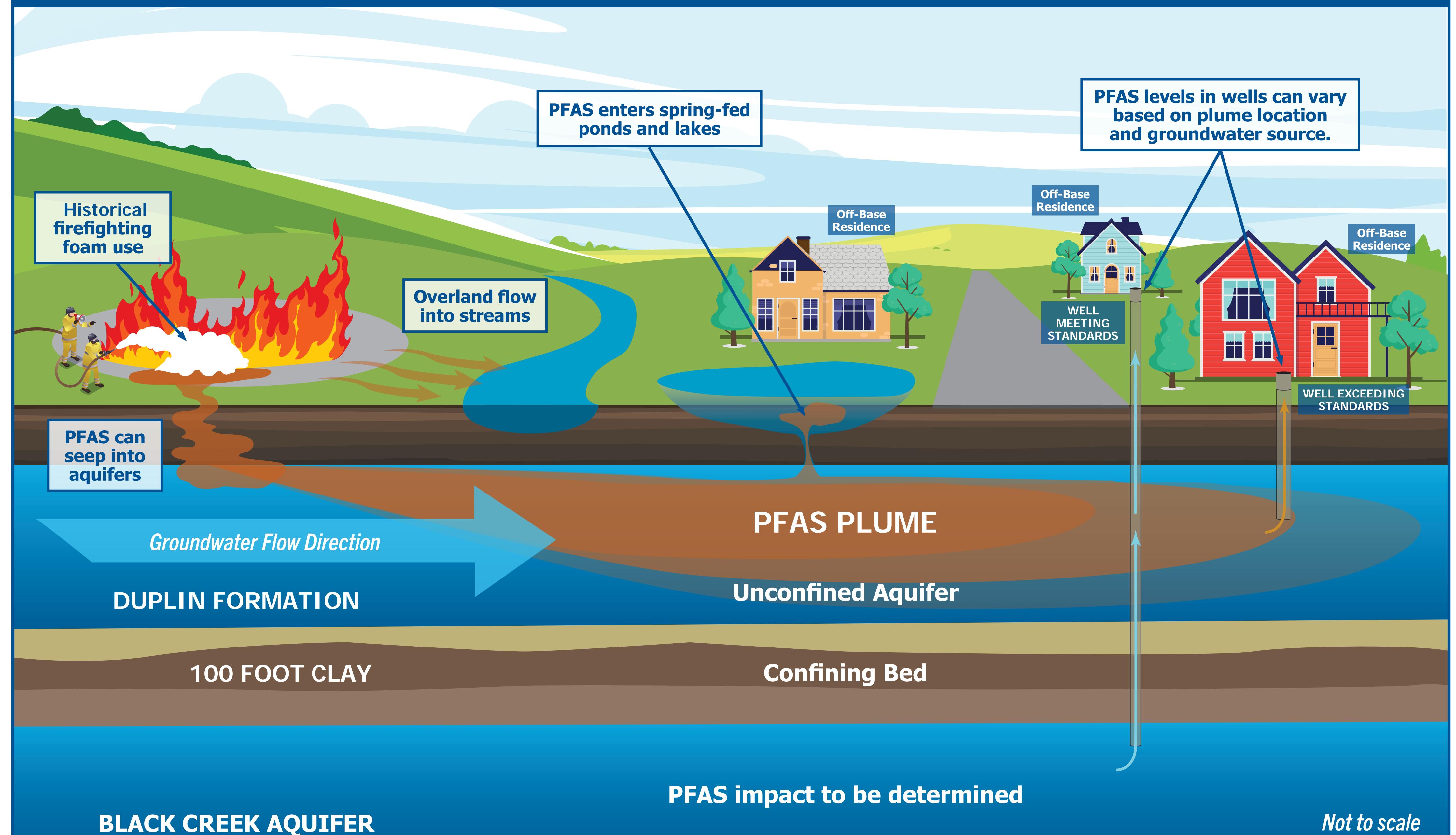
Air Force firefighters began using PFAS-containing foam in 1970 to combat jet fuel fires. Today, Shaw AFB firefighters use fluorine-free foam or water during fire emergencies, with all hangars disconnected from legacy foam systems and fire trucks transitioned to current alternatives.





# HOW PFAS GETS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

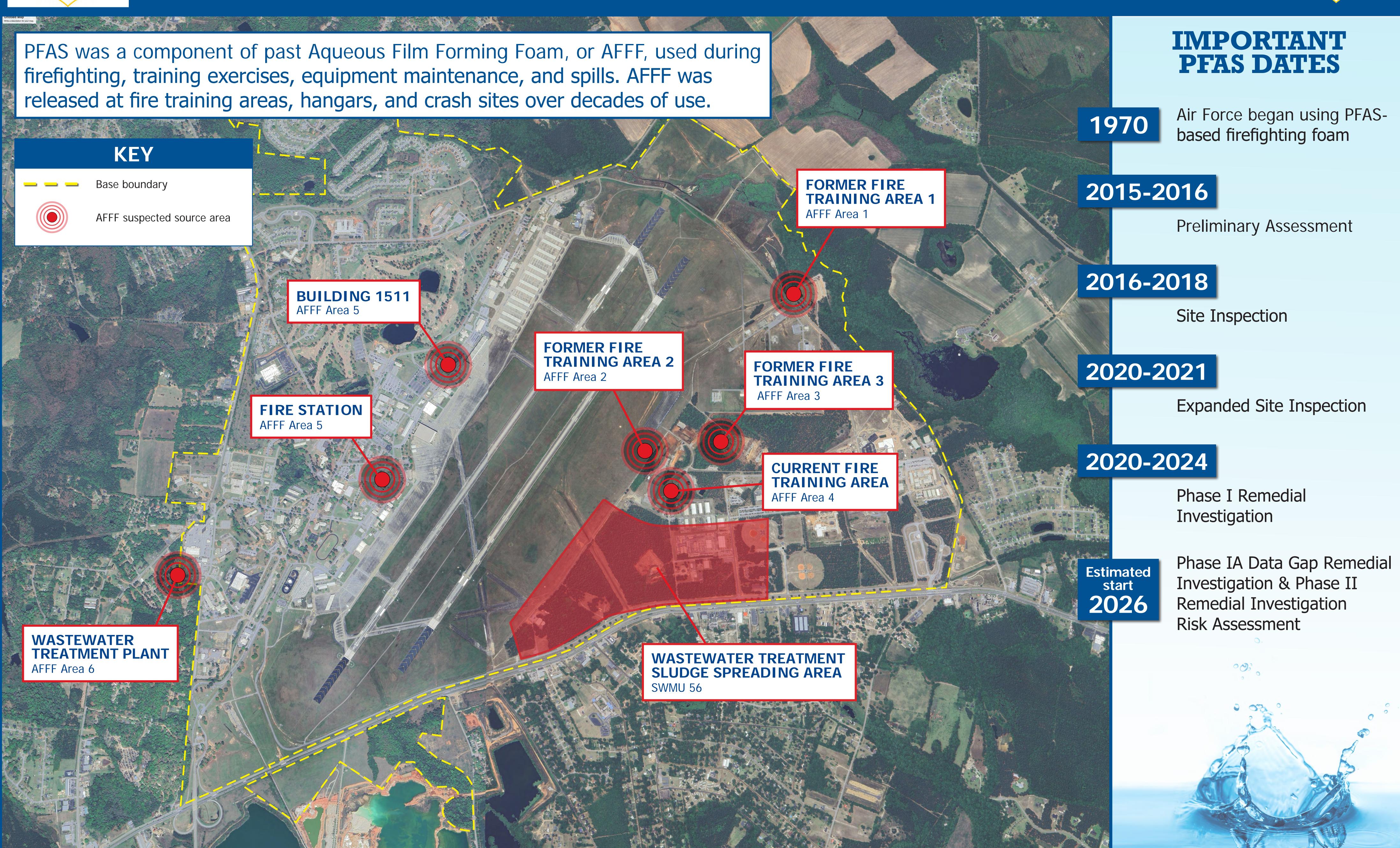






# PFAS IMPACTS AT SHAW

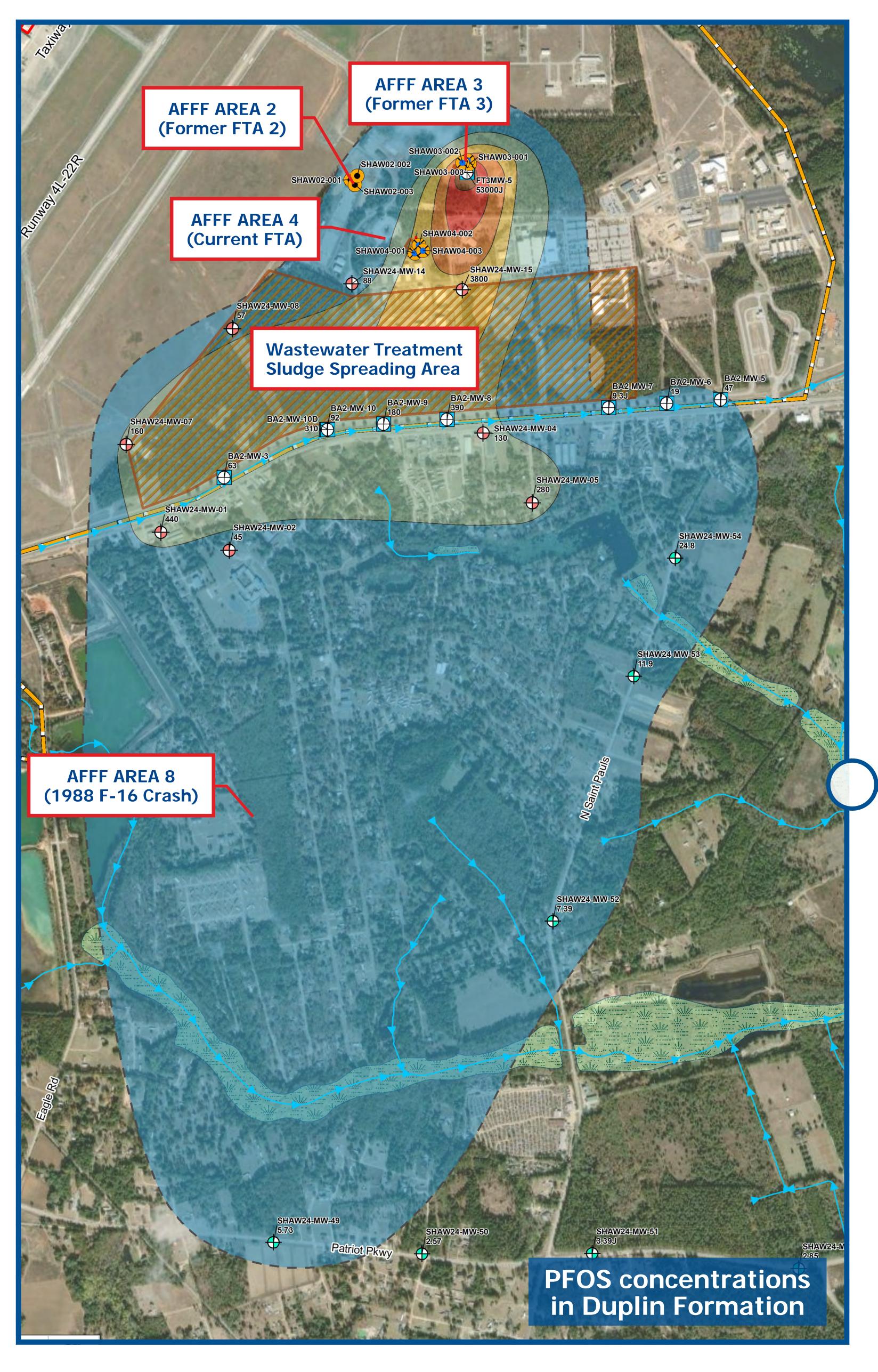


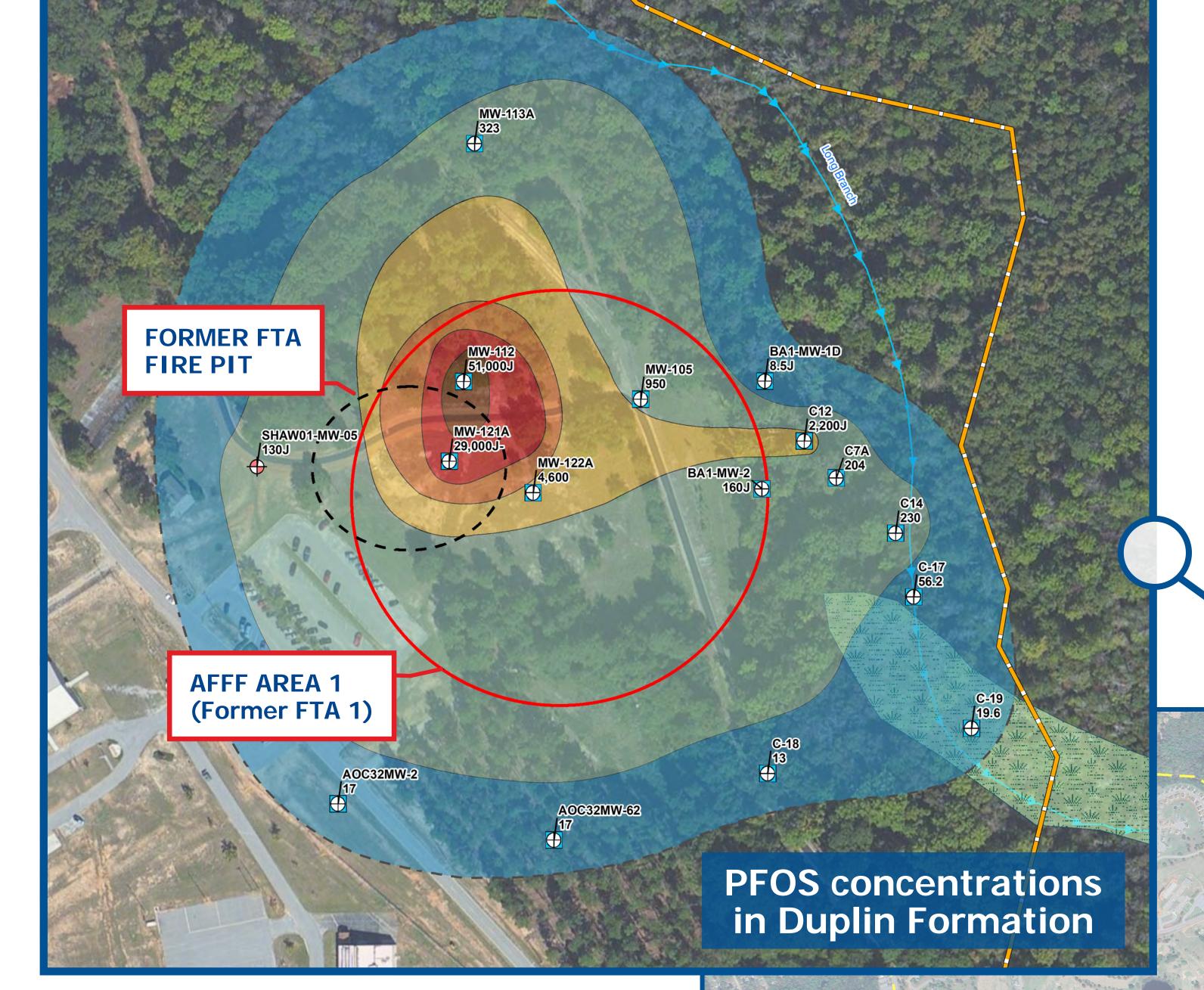




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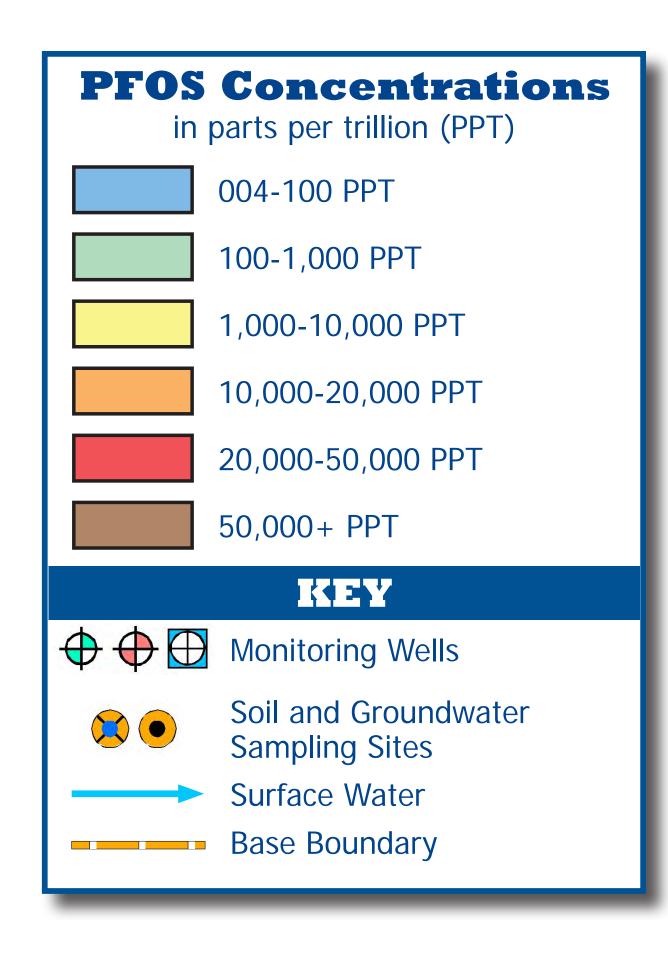






# RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON FINDINGS

- Expand sampling in all directions to map the extent of the PFAS plume boundaries.
- Additional sampling to evaluate whether PFAS is migrating vertically into the deeper Black Creek Aquifer.

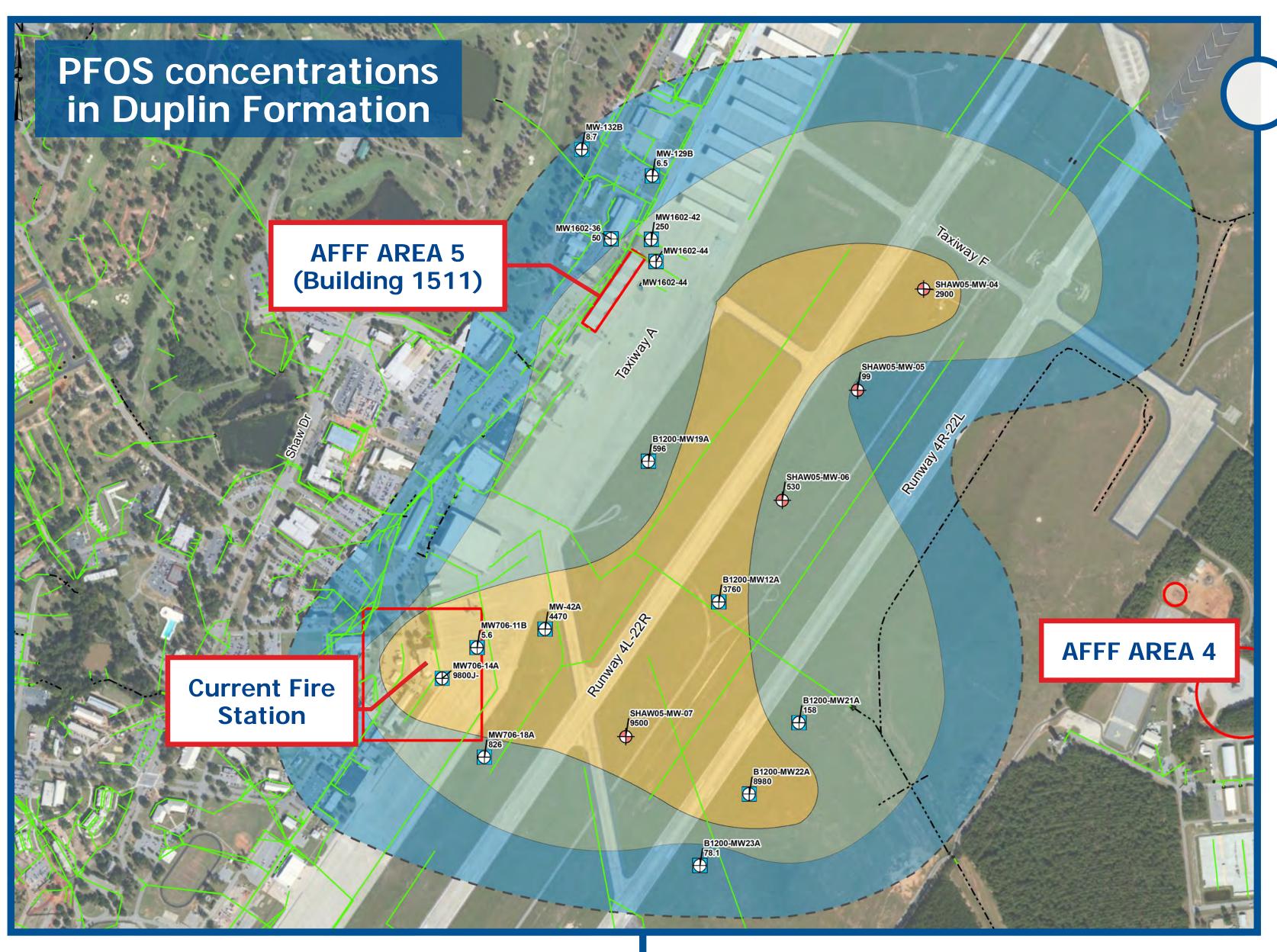


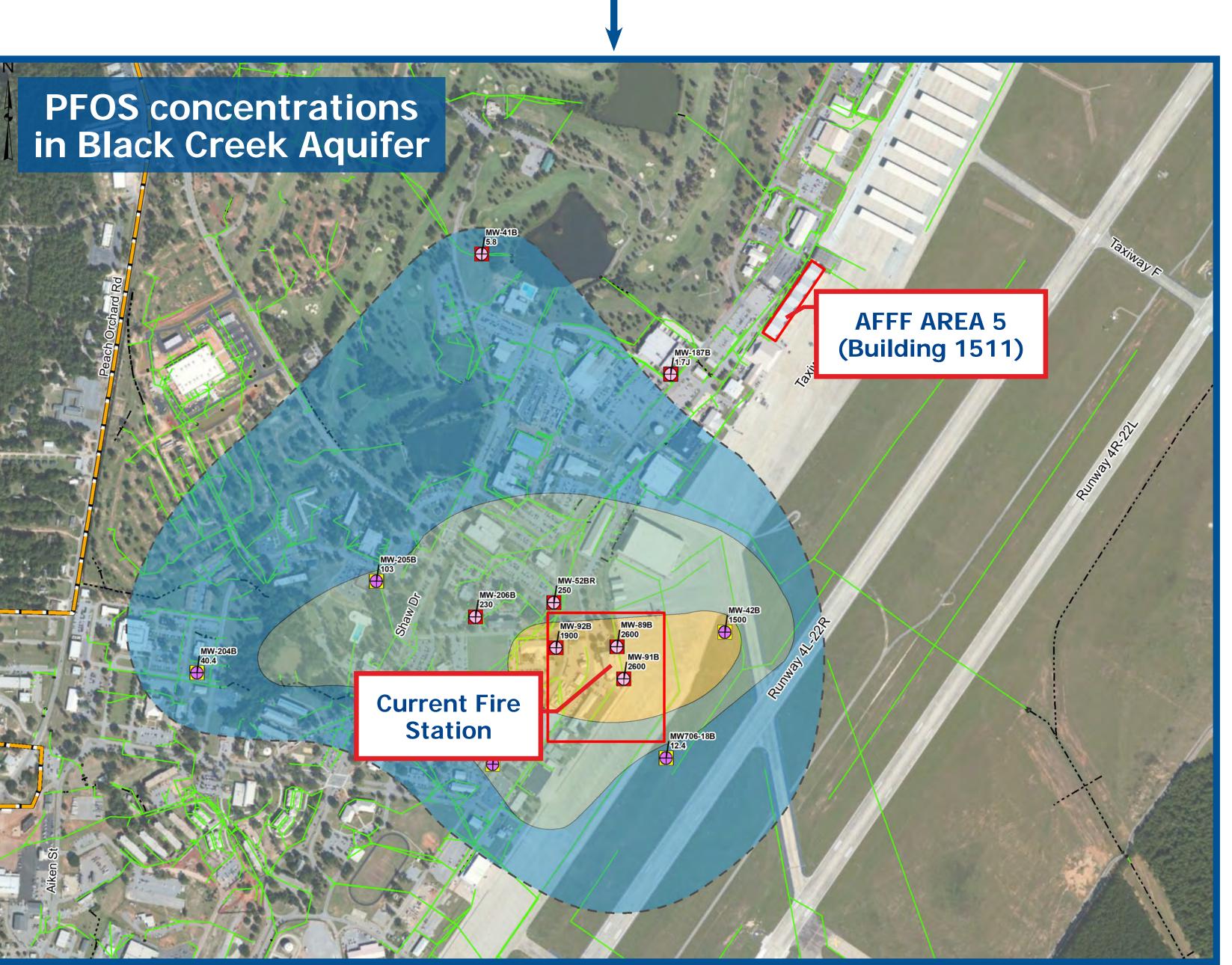


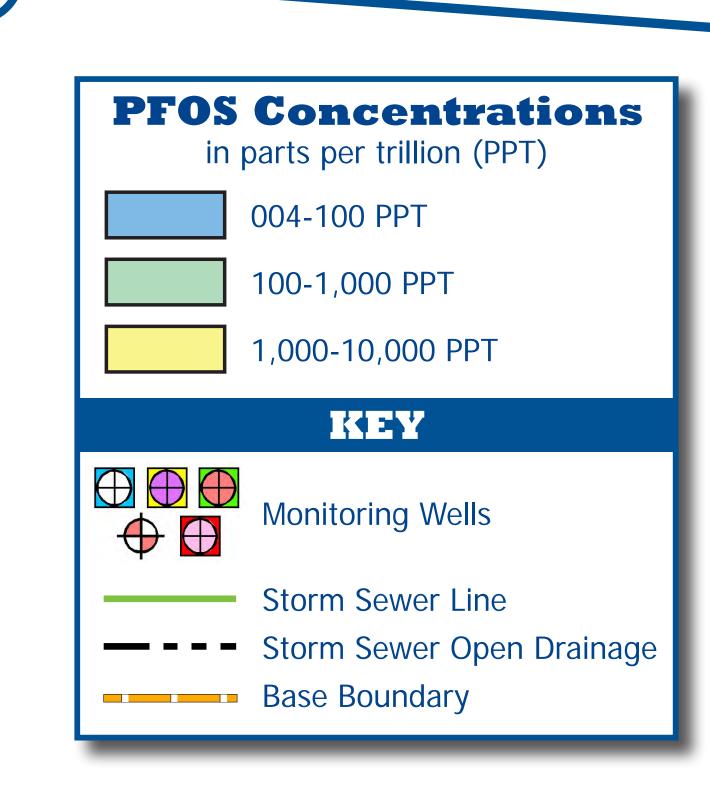


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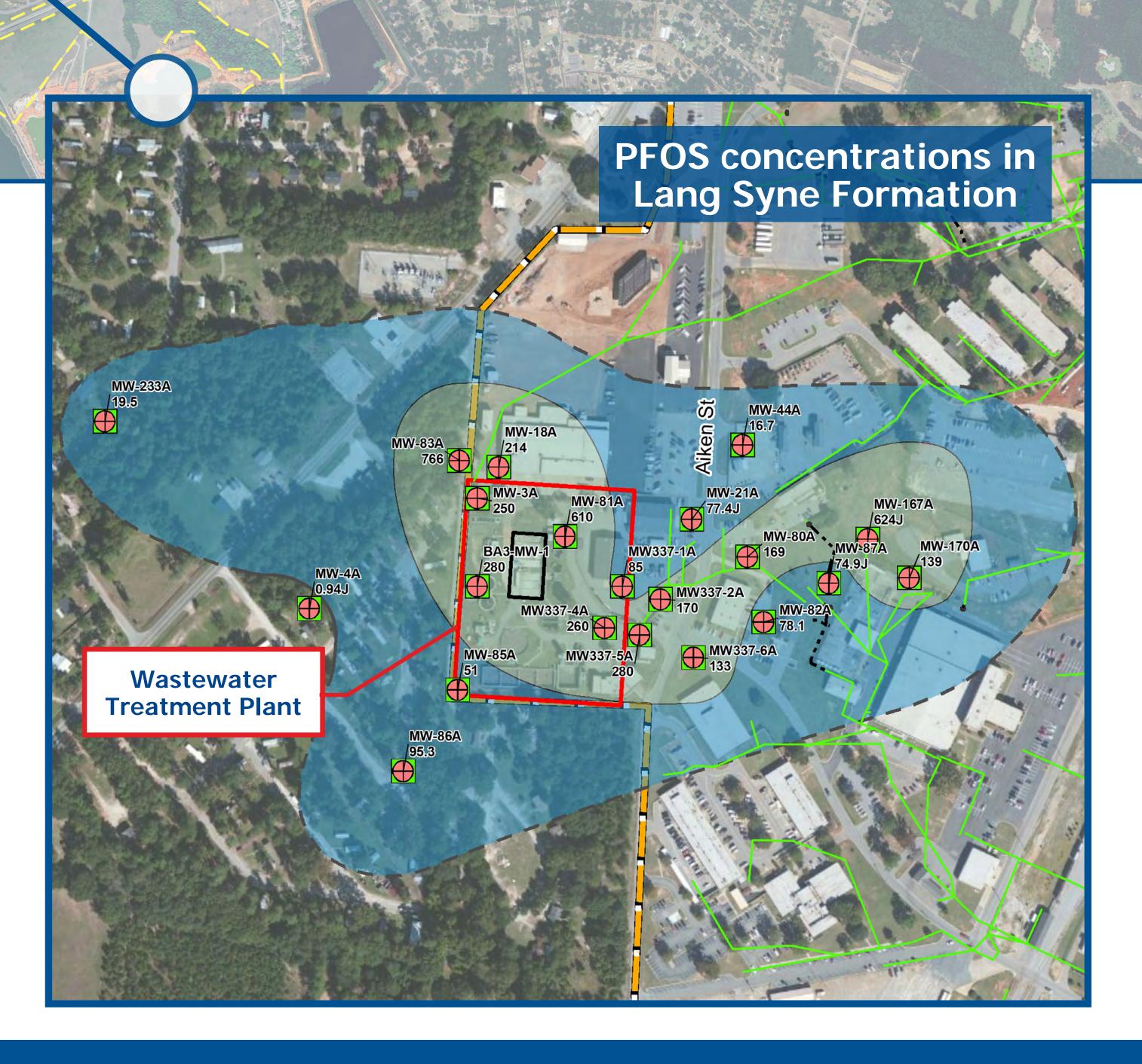




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# RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON FINDINGS

- Additional sampling to evaluate whether PFAS is migrating vertically into the deeper Black Creek Aquifer.
- Expand sampling to the east and west to fully map the extent of the PFAS plume boundaries.
- Test soil at the fire station to check for PFAS from historical equipment storage and maintenance activities.
- Investigate where PFAS from different sources may have mixed together underground.





# OFF-BASE DRINKING WATER SAMPLING & MITIGATION



WHY WE TEST: PFAS in groundwater can travel beyond the base. We test private wells to identify any impacts from historical Air Force activities and take action to protect residents.

**TESTING AREA:** The current focus area was designed using the former DoD trigger level of 70 ppt in effect at that time. We considered where PFAS sources were located on base, how groundwater and surface water flow, how far PFAS could travel off-base, and which wells draw from affected aquifers.

## WHAT WE FOUND

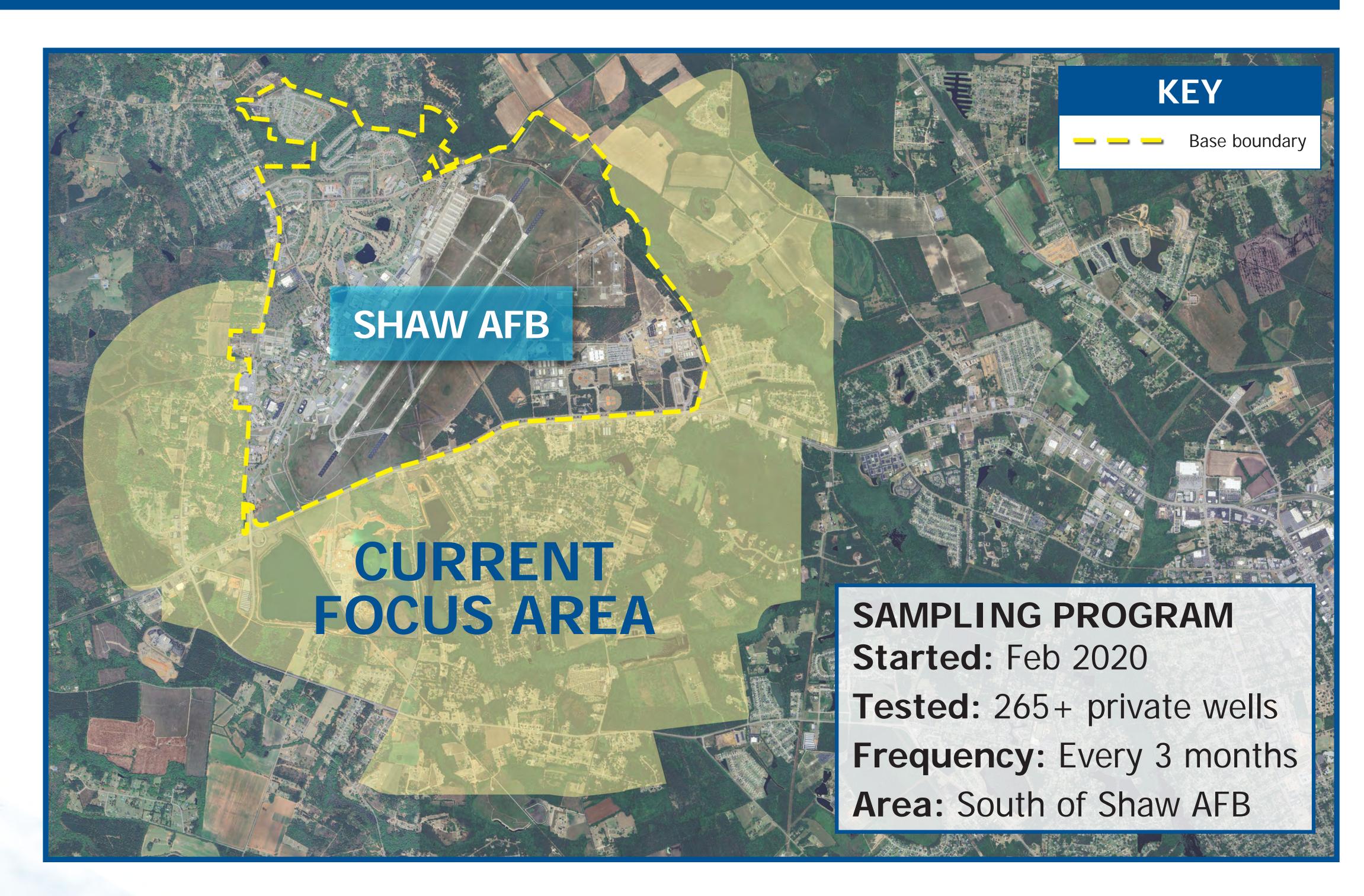
- 65 wells above 70 ppt: Alternative drinking water provided
- 200+ wells below 70ppt: continued monitoring
- Results vary by location and well depth

## FREE TESTING FOR WELLS IN STUDY AREA

Contact Shaw AFB to request testing Shaw AFB Public Affairs 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs (803) 895-2019

20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil

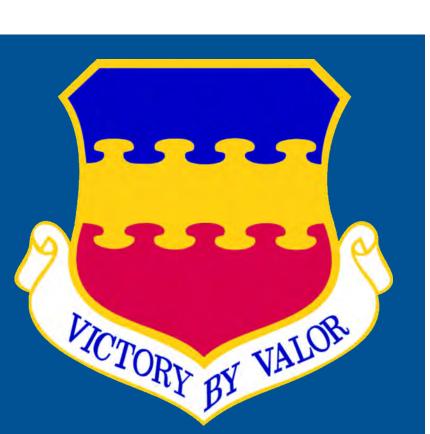
- On April 26, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule under the Safe Drinking Water Act establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs, for certain PFAS compounds in public drinking water systems nationwide. This rule became effective June 25, 2024, and requires public water systems to comply within five years.
- The Department of Defense is taking a scientific, phased approach to address private drinking water wells affected by PFAS related to DoD activities. Currently, the DoD is focusing on wells with PFAS levels exceeding the established MCLs, with the next phase prioritizing private wells impacted by PFAS concentrations greater than three times the MCLs.



	PFAS Compound	EPA MCL	DoD Trigger Level (3x)
	PFOS	4 ppt	12 ppt
	PFOA	4 ppt	12 ppt
1	HFPO-DA	10 ppt	30 ppt
	PFNA	10 ppt	30 ppt
.0	PFHxS	10 ppt	30 ppt
	Hazard Index	1	3



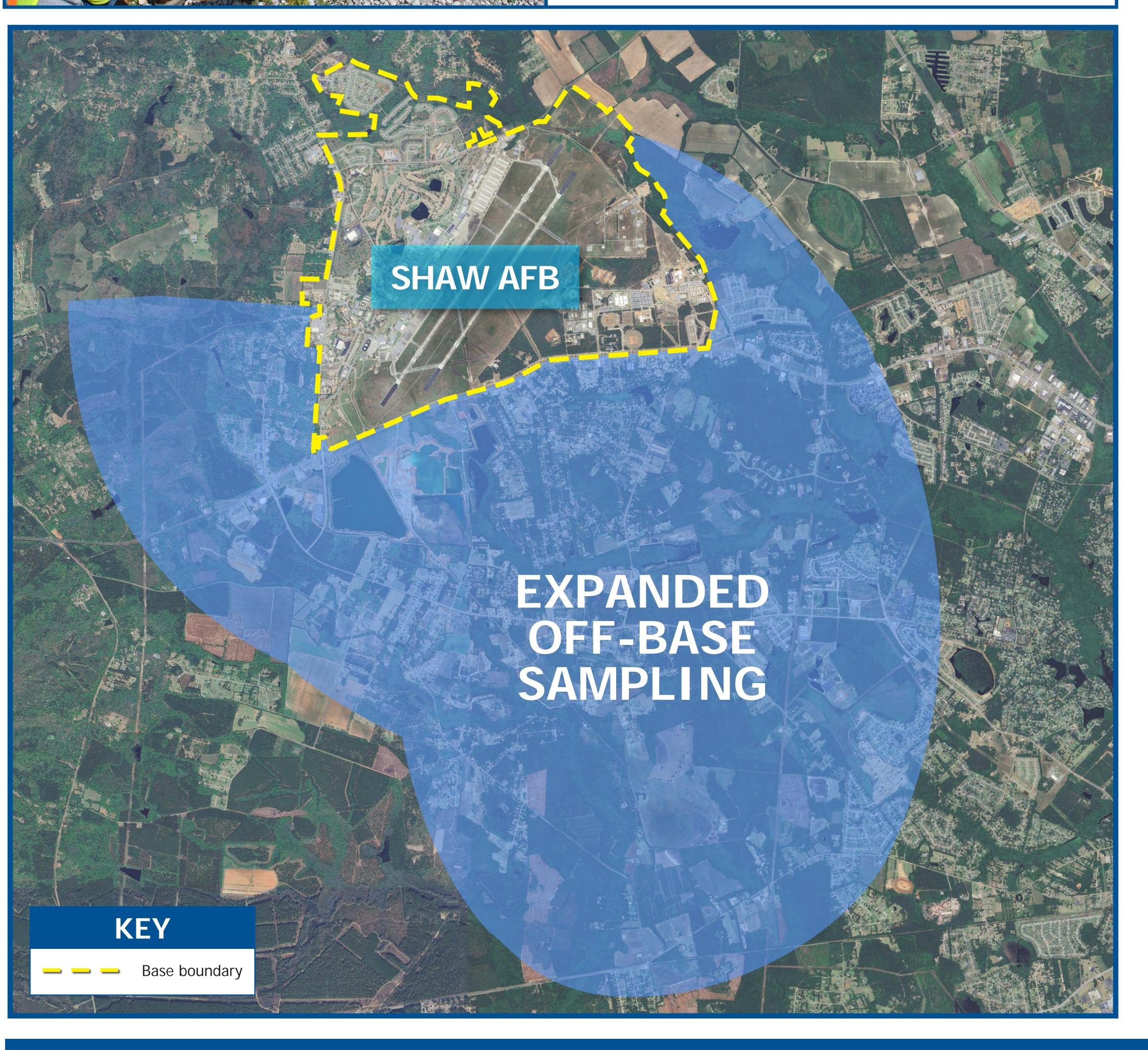
# EXPANDED OFF-BASE DRINKING WATER SAMPLING & MITIGATION





## MONITORING PROGRAM

- Routine off-base testing
- Tracks changes and effectiveness of treatment
- Ensures early detection of any new impacts



### POINT OF USE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

POUTS, or Point of Use Treatment Systems, are compact water filters installed at a sink or tap where water is commonly used, such as in a kitchen or bathroom. It's designed to remove substances like PFAS from water used for drinking or cooking.

## **How Does It Work?**

Installed under the sink or attached to a faucet. Water passes through filters such as activated carbon or ion exchange materials that reduce PFAS and similar substances.



Filtered water is dispensed from a separate tap, while untreated water remains available for other uses like washing or cleaning.

## Why Are We Using POUTS?

This system provides filtered water exactly where it's needed—right at the tap. Immediate step to supply alternate drinking water while we work toward a long-term solution of connecting homes to municipal water.

Can be fitted to individual homes quickly, with minimal plumbing changes.

# Important to Know:

POUTS only filter water at one tap, not throughout the entire home. Filters need regular care and replacement to keep the system working properly. These systems are an interim measure, providing additional protection while permanent municipal water connections are established.

# Shaw AFB will soon begin MCL mitigation contracts for private drinking water wells. As part of this new effort we will:

- Install POUTS as an emergency response action for all wells historically sampled that are above three times the MCL.
- Resample wells historically sampled that were reported below the MCL.
- Expand our sampling focus area as pictured in above map.
- Continue connecting residences with PFAS-impacted drinking water wells above the MCLs to municipal water systems.
- Conduct additional studies of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment.



# RESOURCES & INFORMATION



Shaw Air Force Base and regulators work together to protect human health and the environment.



# AGENCY CONTACTS





Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

PEAS Webpage: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/

PFAS Webpage: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/ ATSDR Region IV Contact: Leann Bing KBing@cdc.gov (770) 488-3002

ATSDR Physician: PFAS@cdc.gov





Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

PFAS Webpage: https://www.epa.gov/pfas





South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) **PFAS Webpage:** https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-water/
and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas



# STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

# **Opportunities to participate:**

- Comment periods for major cleanup decisions
- Community meetings during planning phases
- Restoration Advisory Board meetings

# Information sources:

- Air Force Administrative Record website for all documents
- Email updates for interested residents
- Regular fact sheets and progress reports

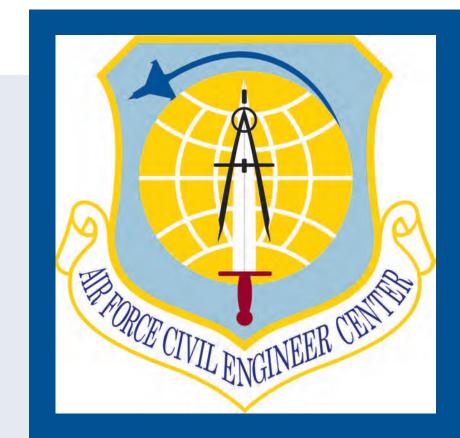
# HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS

# For health concerns, contact:

- Your healthcare provider
- State and local health agencies
- ATSDR

# For environmental questions:

- Shaw AFB Public Affairs Office: 20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil
- SC Department of Environmental Services
- Environmental Protection Agency



# SUCCESS AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE



# PROTECTING DRINKING WATER AND ADDRESSING PFAS SOURCES

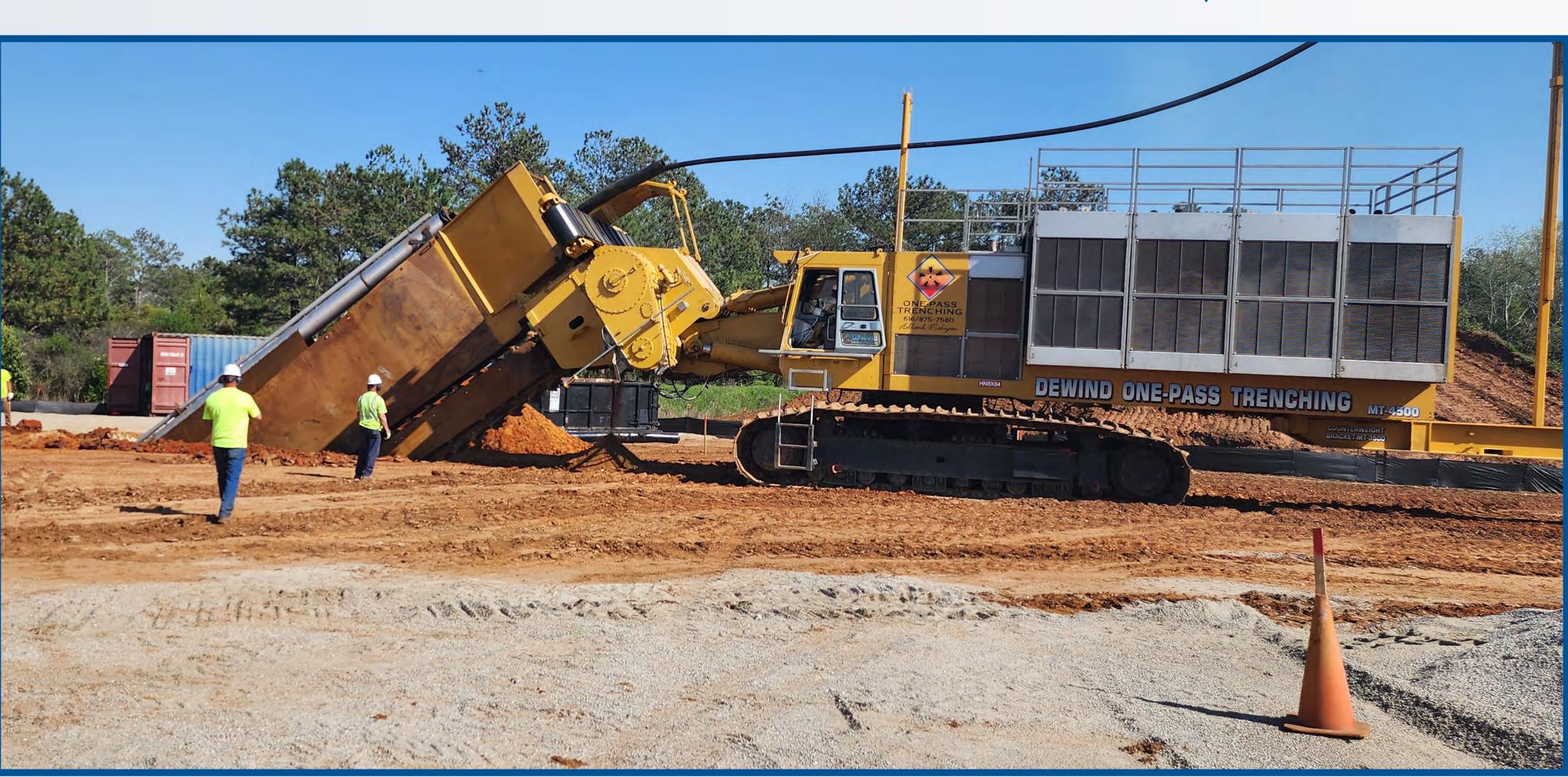


# MUNICIPAL WATER CONNECTIONS

- 30 properties connected to High Hills Rural Water Co.
- Provides regulated public water to affected residents
- Long-term solution replacing temporary measures

### **SOURCE AREA TREATMENT**

- Active remediation at Former
   Fire Training Areas 1, 2, 3
- Pump and treat systems capture PFAS at the source
- Prevents further migration to off-base areas





# TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS

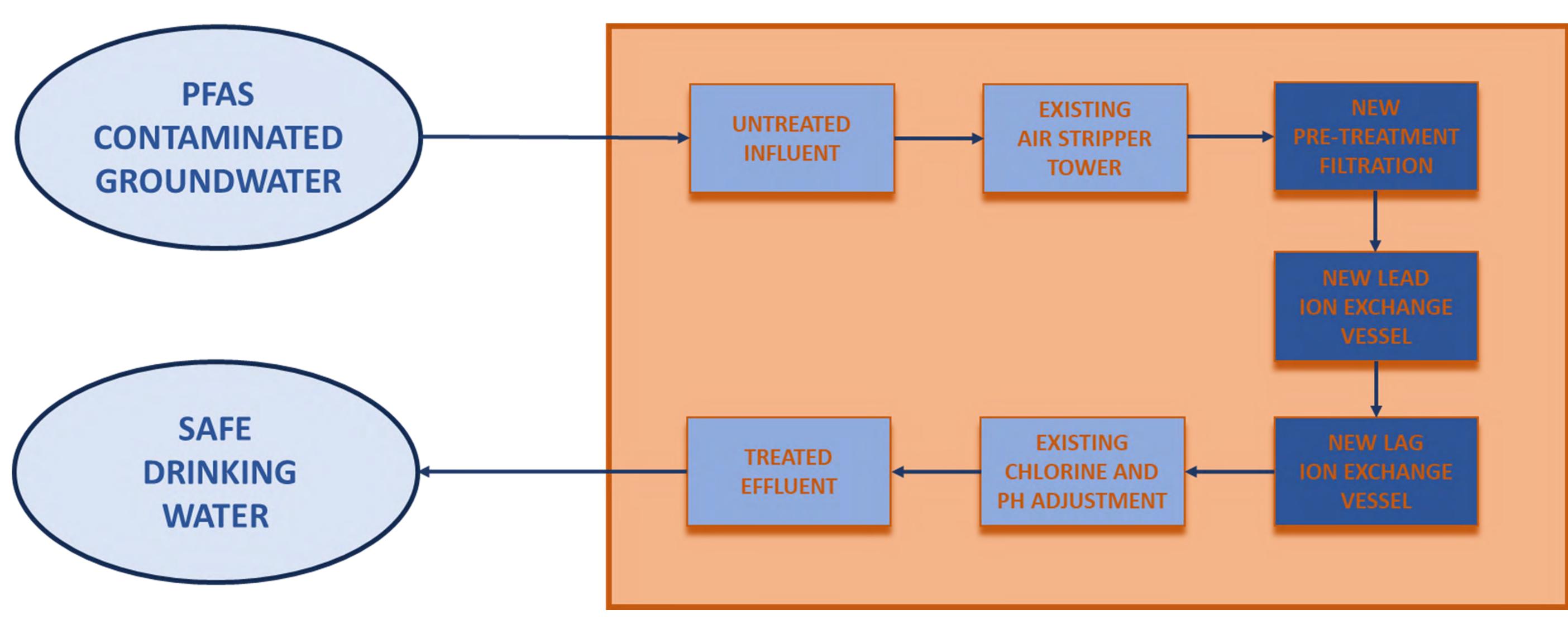
- 10+ million gallons treated monthly
- Ion exchange resin technology removes PFAS
- Treated water re-injected safely underground
- System operates 24/7 for continuous protection

Shaw AFB is committed to protecting community health and addressing environmental impacts from past operations.

# SHAW AIR FORCE BASE BASE WELL NO. 3 PFAS ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT SYSTEM

BASE WELL NO. 3 IS 1 OF 6 ON-BASE DRINKING WATER WELLS
OCTOBER 2022, WELL WAS REMOVED FROM SERVICE DUE TO ELEVATED LEVELS OF PFAS
DECEMBER 2022, CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO INSTALL AN ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR PFAS REMOVAL
MAY 2024, CONSTRUCTION BEGAN

FEBRUARY 2025, BASE WELL NO. 3 WAS PLACED BACK IN SERVICE CONFIRMATION SAMPLE RESULTS SHOW NO PFOS OR PFOA ARE PRESENT IN DRINKING WATER AFTER TREATMENT





# SHAW AIR FORCE BASE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELL NO. 3









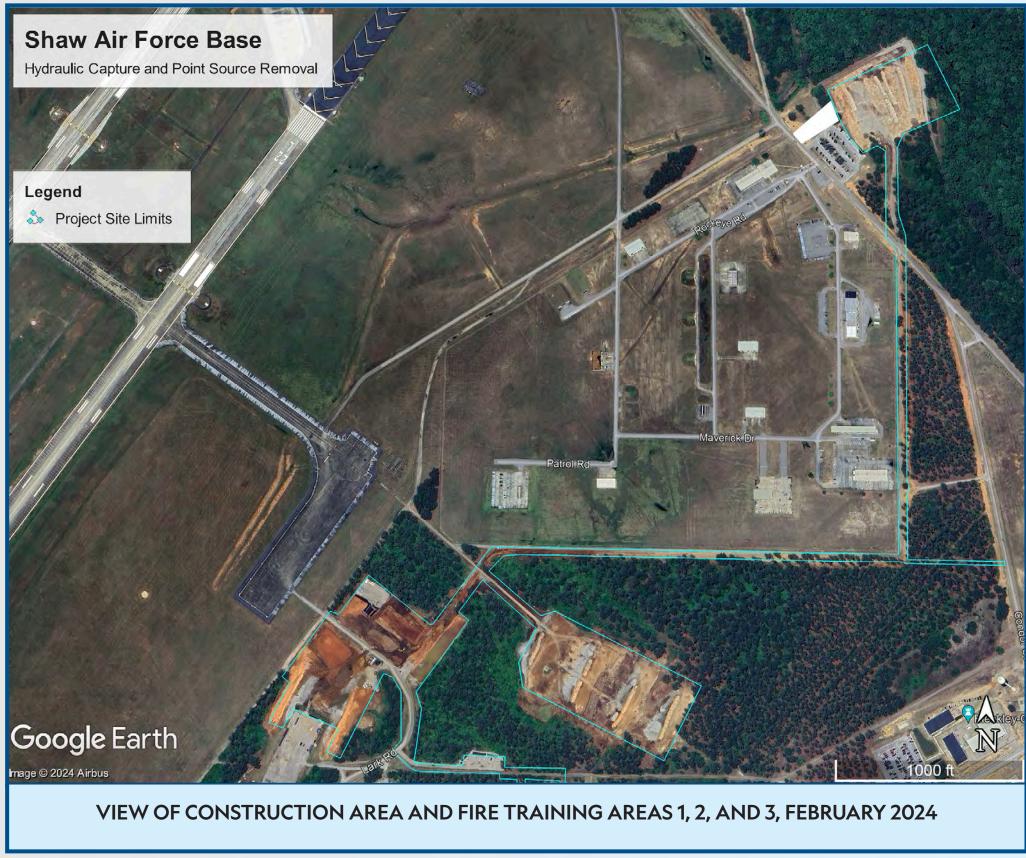




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## WESTON-ER





















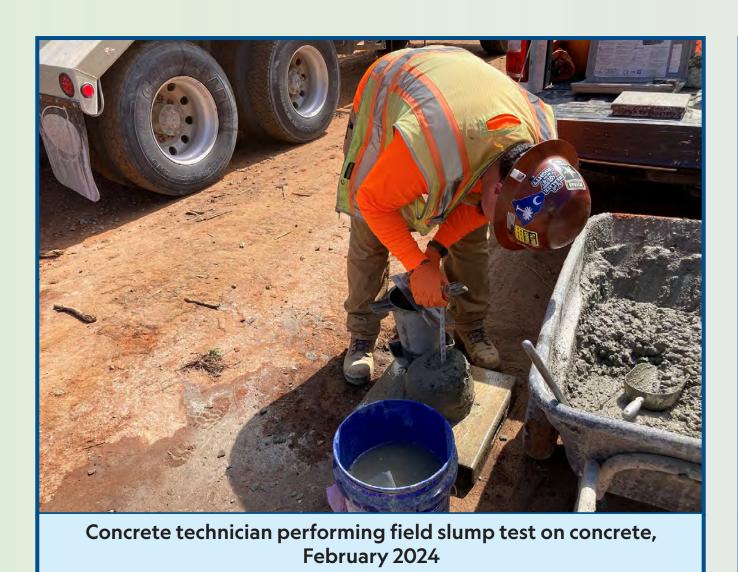






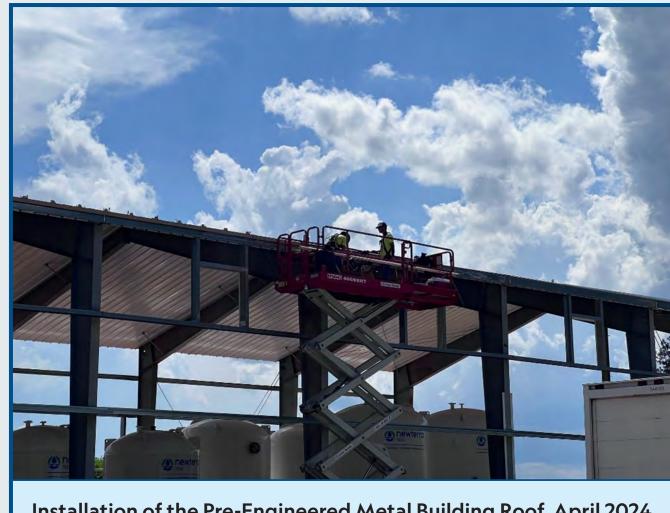
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Erection of the Pre-Engineered Metal Building, March 2024.



Installation of the Pre-Engineered Metal Building Roof, April 2024.





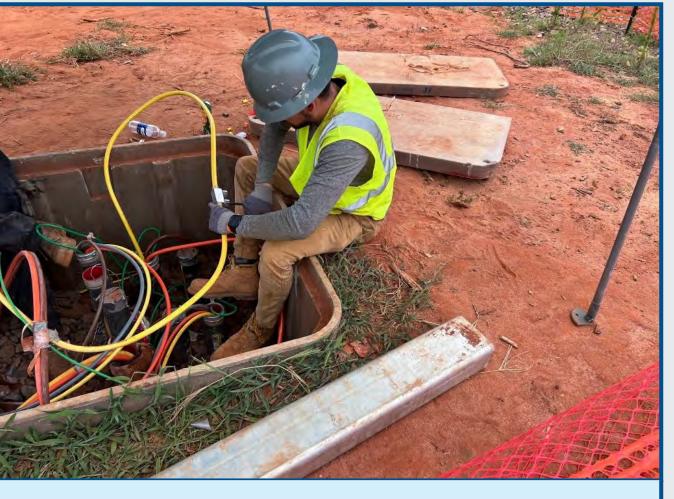
Insulation/siding being installed on the Pre-Engineered Metal Building, June 2024.



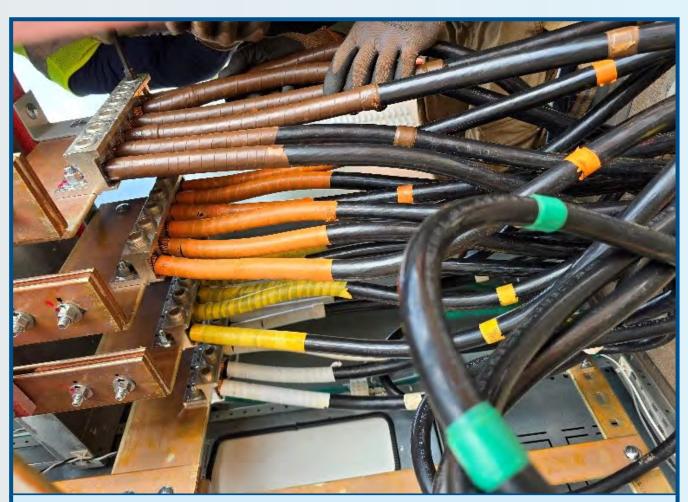
Interior liner panels being cut to fit in the interior of the Pre-Engineered Metal Building, June 2024.



Completed Pre-Engineered Metal Building, July 2024



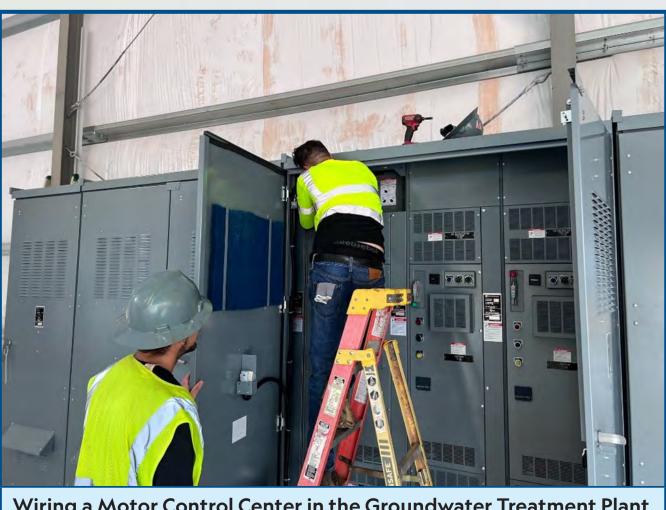
Installation of electrical wiring,



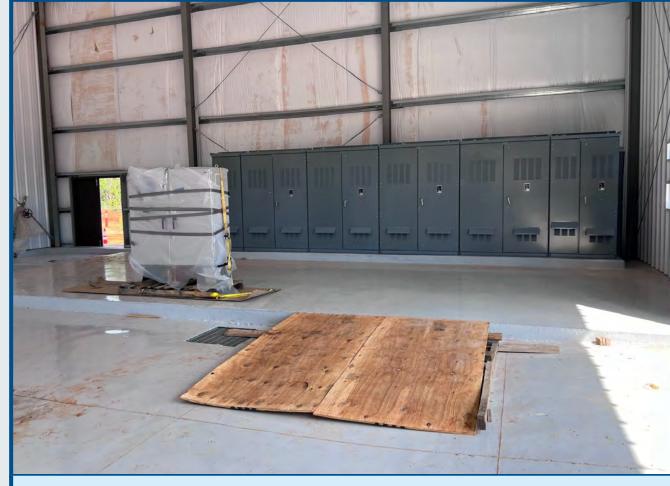
Wiring going into the electrical switchboard, July 2024.



A Motor Control Center being installed, July 2024.



Wiring a Motor Control Center in the Groundwater Treatment Plant, July 2024.



The electrical room of the Groundwater Treatment Plant, July 2024.



Inspecting breakers in the Motor Control Center, July 29 2024



The top of the Field Erected Tank being installed, July 2024.



The Field Erected Tank being constructed, July 2024.





# SHAW AFB GROUNDWATER CLEANUP OF PFAS CHEMICALS













**Bag Filter Skid** 



**Transformer Installation** 





Nitrogen Delivery System



Ion Exchange Resin Tank Piping



**Sectionalizing Cabinet Work** 



**Canopy Construction** 



Conduit, Piping, and Pump Construction



Mass Air Handling Units



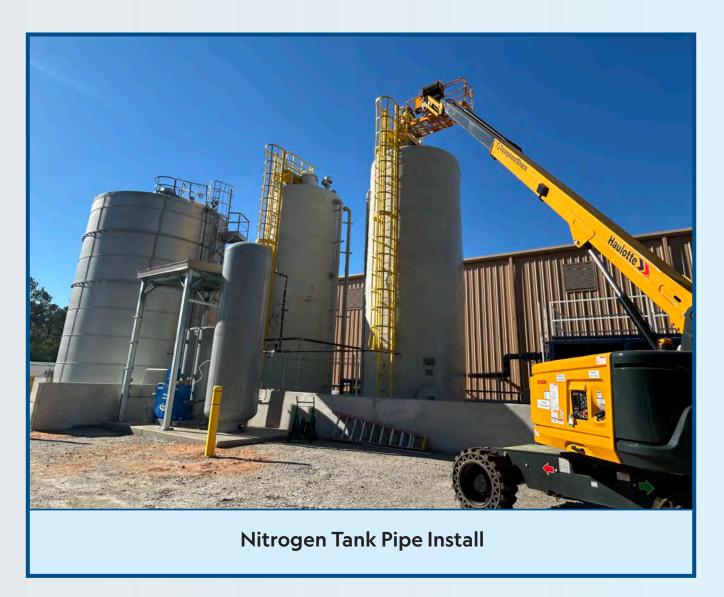
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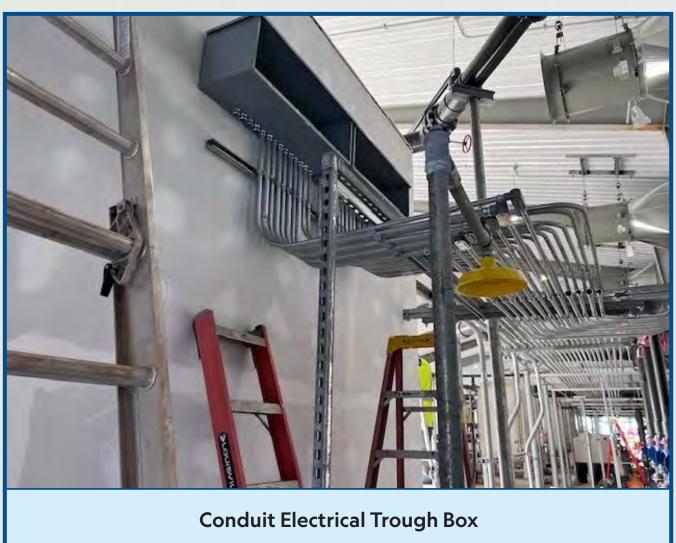


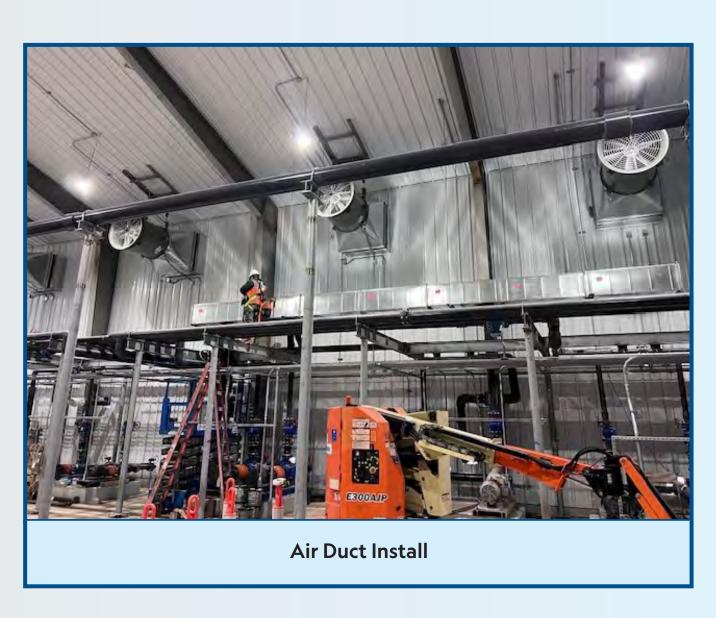






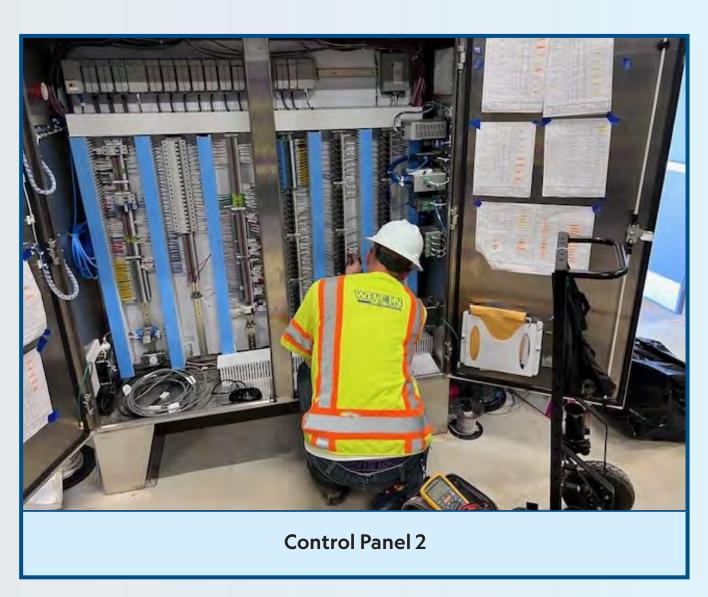


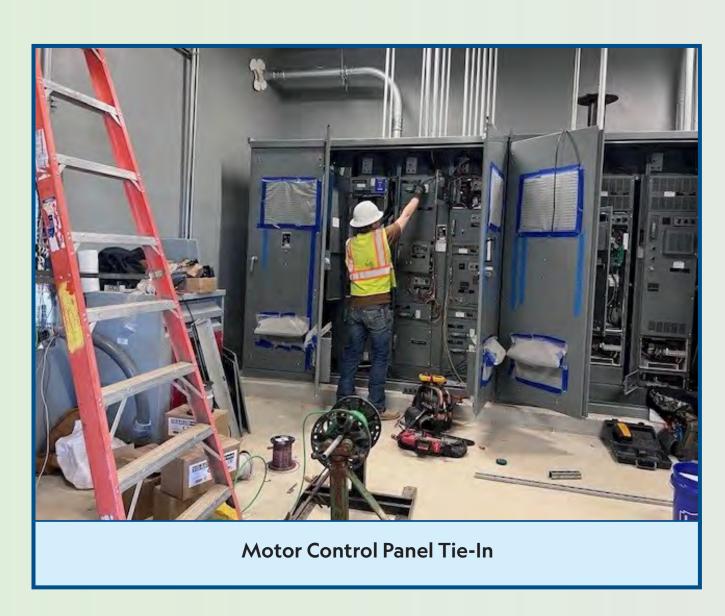




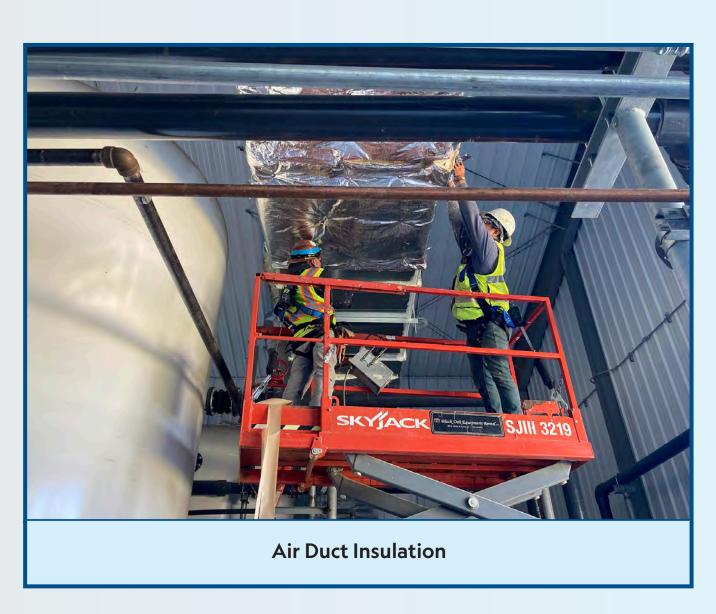










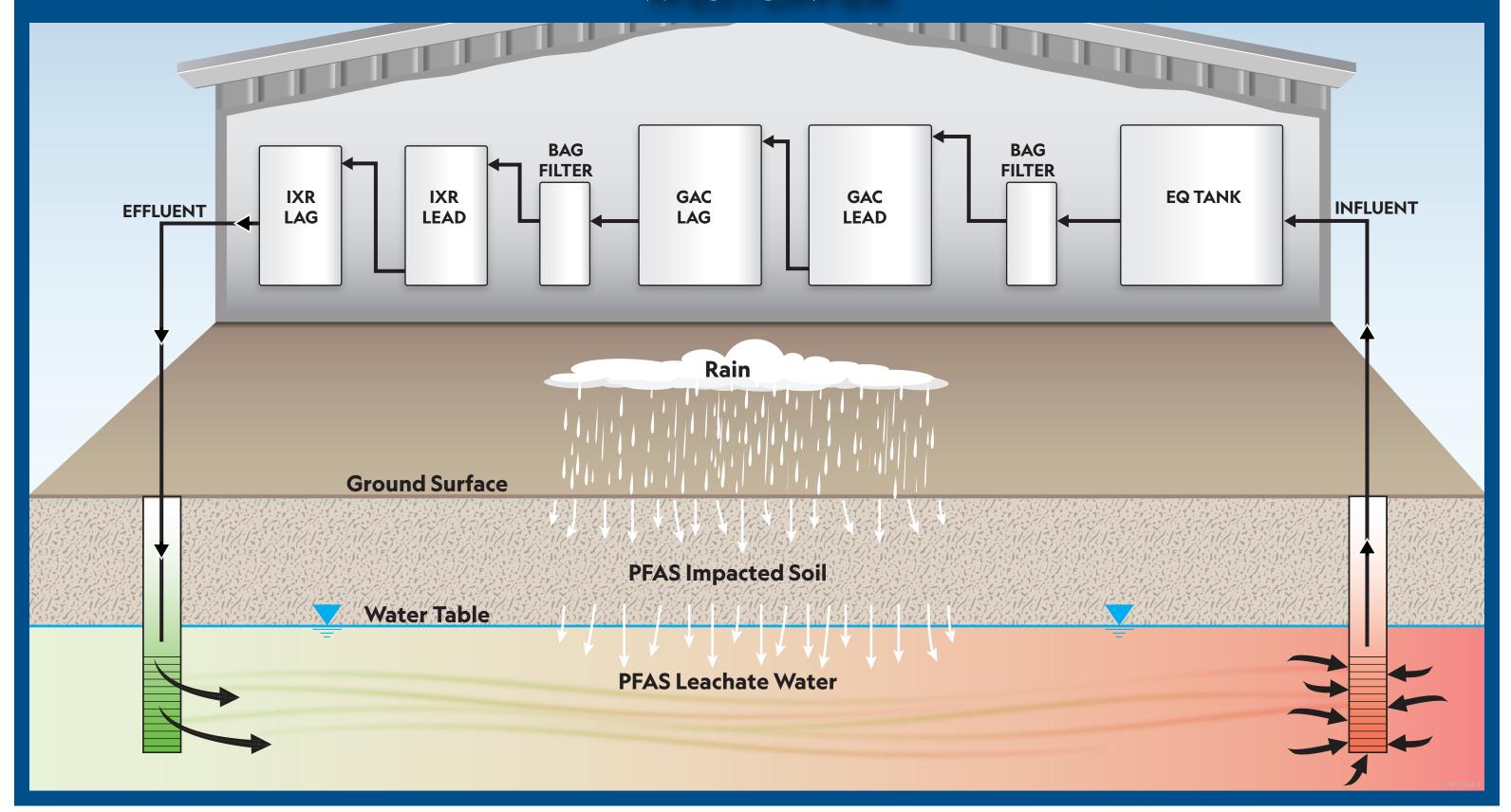






### SHAW AFB GROUNDWATER CLEANUP OF PFAS CHEMICALS

### **WESTON-ER**



**Attachment B** 

**Shaw Air Force Base** 

RAB Agenda

&

Slides

June 2, 2025

### Shaw Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, June 2, 2025

**LOCATION:** Cherryvale Elementary School, Cafeteria

1420 Furman Dr., Sumter, SC 29154

**Open House: 5:00-7:00pm** (view informational posters and talk with the Air Force team)

RAB Meeting: 7:00-8:00pm

Topic	Purpose	Presenter	Time (ET)				
Opening/RAB Business							
Welcome	Air Force and Community Co-chairs welcome RAB members	Raymond Magby Daniel Burkett	7:00-7:05				
Introductions	RAB Members and other parties	Attendees	7:05-7:10				
Stakeholder/ RAB Member Updates	<ul><li>Community RAB members</li><li>Government RAB members</li></ul>	RAB members	7:10-7:15				
Air Force Technical Presentations							
Air Force Update	<ul><li>Environmental program and path forward</li><li>Community Involvement Plan Update</li></ul>	Juv Salomon Leigh-Ann Fabianke	7:15-7:45				
Public Comment							
Public Comment	Public comment period to the RAB	Public participants	7:45-7:55				
Conclusion							
Conclusion	<ul><li>Review action items</li><li>Co-chairs offer closing remarks</li></ul>	Co-chairs	7:55-8:00				
RAB Meeting Adjourns							

- **More Info?** Visit <u>www.shaw.af.mil/Public-Affairs/Community-Engagement/Environmental</u> for more information about the Shaw AFB Environmental Restoration Program.
- Questions? Contact Shaw AFB Public Affairs at (803) 895-2019 or 20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil
- Administrative Record: Official record of Shaw AFB cleanup action decision documents <a href="https://ar.cce.af.mil/">https://ar.cce.af.mil/</a>

### Air Force Civil Engineer Center



# Shaw Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board

Annual Meeting June 2, 2025



### **Agenda**



- **■** Welcome
- Introductions
- Air Force Update
- Public Comment
- Conclusion



### **RAB Purpose Mission**



### **■** Purpose:

- **■** Promote community awareness
- Obtain constructive community review and input on current and proposed environmental cleanup actions

### Mission:

- Open and interactive dialogue
  - Among the Air Force, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, and our neighbors
  - Concerning Shaw AFB's Environmental Restoration Program



### Housekeeping



- **■** Please silence cell phones
- Save questions for the end of each presentation
- Avoid side-bar conversations
- Sign-in sheet
- Action items
- Use question/comment cards



### **Question/Comment Cards**



**Question/Comment:** 

What is ...?
The Air Force should...

John Doe 123 Question St. Sumter, SC 29154 (803) 895-XXXX Email

Please hand completed cards to the facilitator.



### Introductions



- Welcome from Co-Chairs
  - Community Mr. Daniel Burkett
  - Air Force Mr. Raymond Magby
- Shaw AFB Remedial Project Manager/RAB Coordinator
  - Mr. Juv Salomon
  - Mr. Chris Wargo
- RAB Members
- Elected or Appointed Officials
- South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (previously DHEC)
- Public Affairs



## **Program Update**



- Background Information
- Cleanup of Legacy Sites
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) response

Juvenal Salomon
Shaw Remedial Project Manager
June 2, 2025



#### What are PFAS?



- PFAS are a group of synthetic fluorinated chemicals
- Invented in the 1930s
- Used in industrial and consumer products to resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
- Also found in firefighting agents called aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF)
  - Air Force used AFFF in fire response vehicles, hangar fire suppression systems and fire training areas
  - At Shaw, AFFF has been removed from all Fire and Emergency Services vehicles and replaced with new fluorine free foam (F3)





## **Maximum Contaminant Levels**



#### **Enforceable** cleanup standards:

#### Legacy contaminants

Perchloroethylene (PCE)
5 ppb MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)

■ Trichloroethylene (TCE) 5 ppb MCL

#### Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)4 ppt

■ Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) 4 ppt

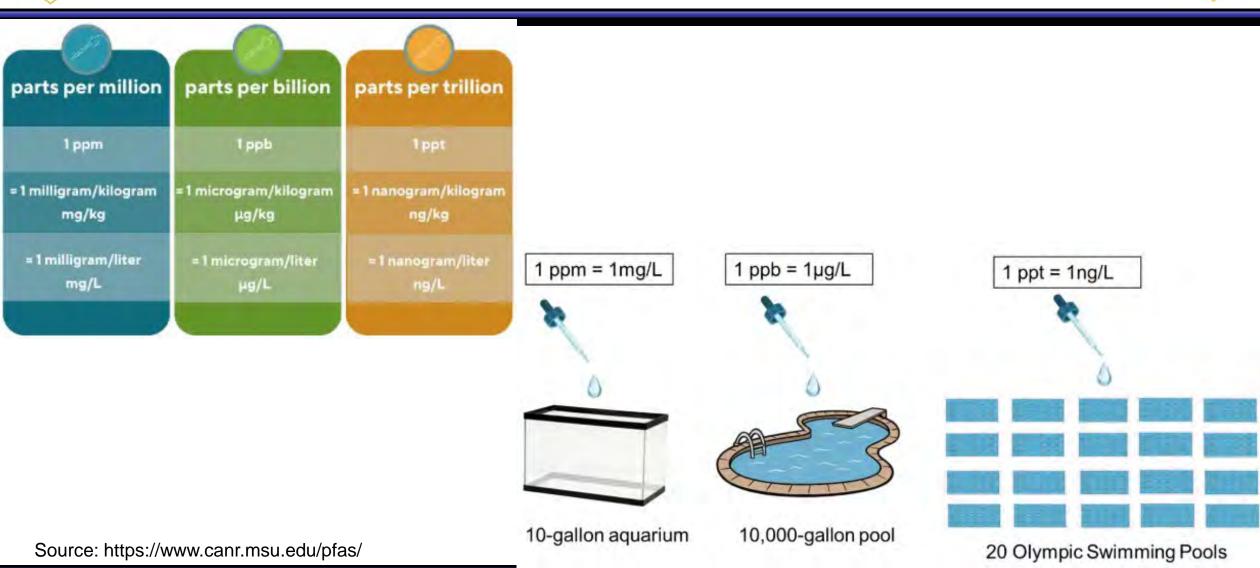
■ GenX, PFNA, & PFHxS 10 ppt

- Hazard Index = 1 (for mixture of GenX, PFNA, PFHxS, & PFBS)
- New PFAS drinking water standards (MCLs) became effective 25 June 2024\*
- Affected Public Water Systems have five years to comply
- DoD/AF will conduct prioritized responses



## **Comparisons of Units of Measure**



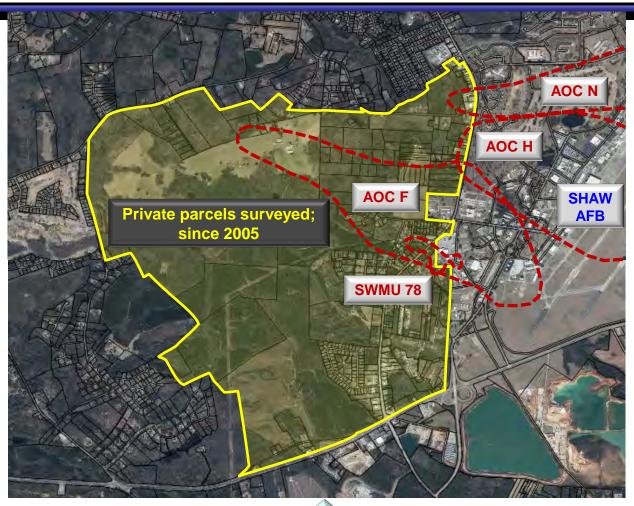




## **Cleanup of Legacy Sites**



- Very mature program
  - Final remedies constantly optimized to reduce cleanup life cycles
- Since 1983 program start
  - ~\$150M spent to date
- Managed under State's RCRA permitting program since 1992
  - SCDES is Lead Agency
  - 124 sites; **104 are closed**
  - 18 on active cleanup
  - 2 sites deferred until base closes
- Staying in regulatory compliance
  - Multi-year basewide cleanup contract
  - Cradle-to-grave commitment



Recurring Land Use Control Activities at West Boundary of Base

KCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Battle Ready...Bullt Right

AUC – Area of Concern



## **Shaw PFAS Response**



#### ■ PFAS Remedial Investigation

- On-Base response
  - Removal Action PFAS Filter for GWTP #1
  - Removal Action PFAS Filter for Base Well #3 (BW-3)
  - Interim Remedial Action Point Source Removal (GWTP #2)
- Off-Base response
  - Removal Action Drinking Water Mitigation

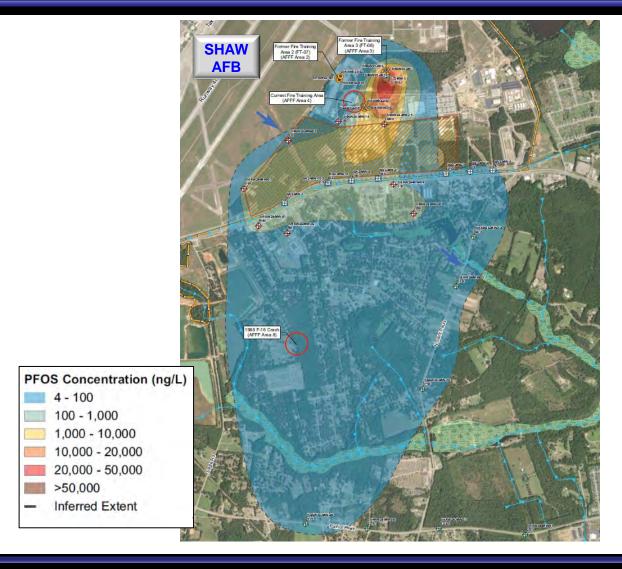
Amount spent on all PFAS response at Shaw: ~\$75M

• GWTP - Groundwater Treatment Plant



## PFAS Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI)





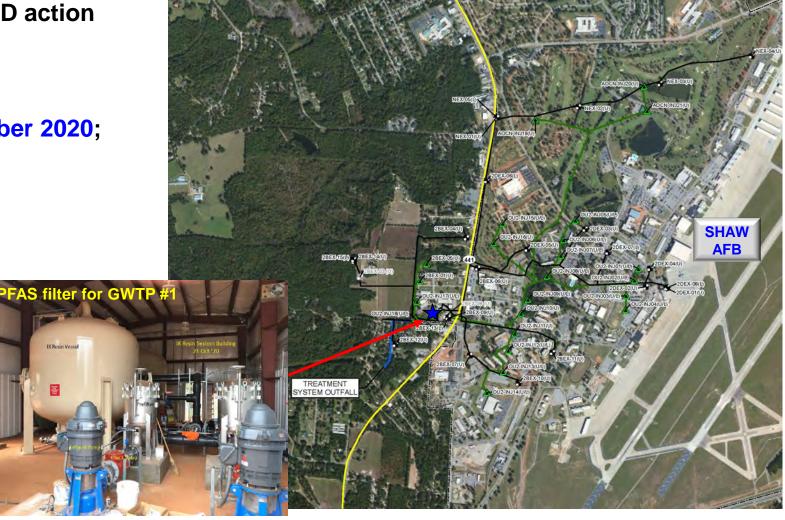
- Preliminary Assessment (PA), January 2016
  - Evaluated 11 suspected AFFF release areas
- Site Inspection (SI), January 2019
  - Elevated PFAS levels in all 6 AFFF areas sampled
  - All 6 AFFF areas recommended for RI
- Expanded SI, November 2021
  - Took samples along base boundaries
  - Confirmed potential groundwater flow off-base
- Phase I Remedial Investigation
  - Contract awarded July 2020,
  - Delineate extent of 6 identified release areas from SI
  - Field work completed December 2023
  - Next Steps: January 2025 Final Phase 1 Remedial Investigation Report findings recommend expanding remedial investigation



#### **PFAS Filter for GWTP #1**



- Early 2019, PFOS/PFOA above the DoD action level in GWTP #1 influent & effluent
- March 2019, GWTP #1 was paused
- PFAS filter system completed December 2020;
- Full operation treats ~1,500 GPM of groundwater
- Next Steps: FY24 contracts awarded for system optimization and resiliency upgrades, \$6.8M

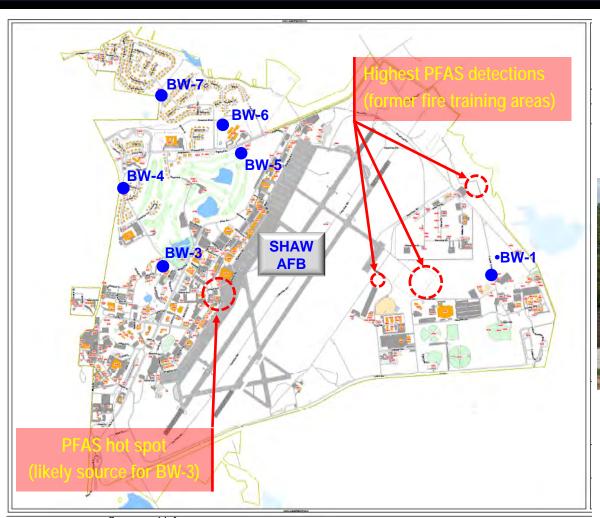


• GWTP - Groundwater Treatment Plant



#### **PFAS Filter for BW-3**





- October 2022: BW-3 shut down
- December 2022: project awarded
- May 2024: construction started
- December 2024: project completed



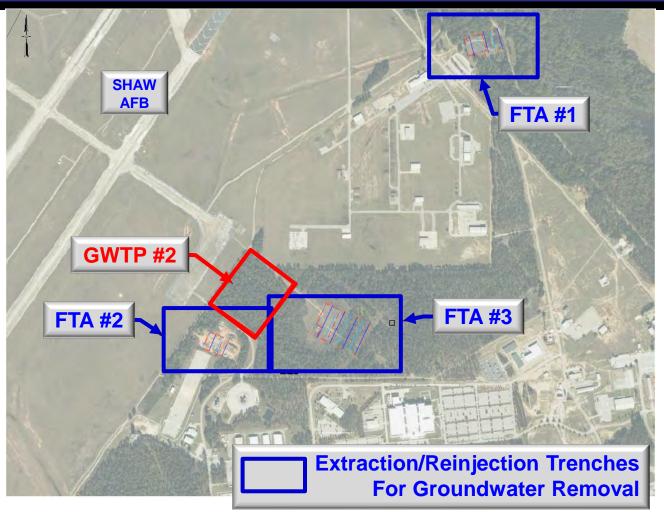


# **Groundwater Source Removal at 3 FTAs (GWTP #2)**



- These 3 former fire training areas (FTA) registered highest PFAS concentrations
- Interim Remedial Action contract awarded May 2021
- Projected completion: July 2025
- Next Steps: GWTP #2 operations & maintenance; performance monitoring



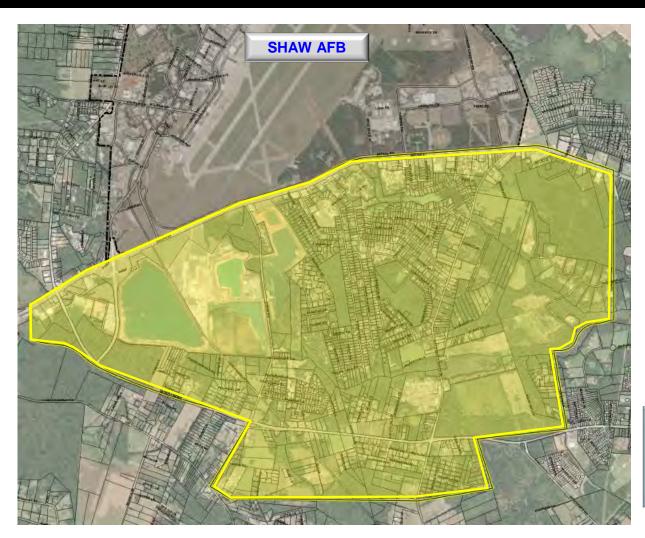


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## **PFAS Off-Base Drinking Water Mitigation**





- Since February 2020, 265+ drinking water wells sampled
- 1,120+ parcels surveyed; south/east/west of base
- 165+ wells impacted, on prioritized corrective action
- 30 municipal connections completed so far
- Next Steps: Expanding number of municipal connections, including 3 Mobile Home Parks

Please help us reach out to private drinking water well owners!



### **Public Comments**



- Please keep comments brief (approx. 3 mins)
- Use question/comment cards as needed
- Action Items will be documented, and the Air Force will follow-up as needed



## **Information**



- Board Members comments
- Action Items
- Questions? Contact Shaw AFB Public Affairs
  - (803) 895-2019 or 20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil
- Administrative Record
  - Official record of cleanup action decision documents
  - https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/
- Next meeting
  - June 2026 (Tentative)



#### **Questions on Health Issues**



Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Ms. Leann Bing

**ATSDR Region IV** 

KBing@cdc.gov

(770) 488-3002

ATSDR Physician: <a href="mailto:PFAS@cdc.gov">PFAS@cdc.gov</a>

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# **Closing Remarks**



- RAB Co-Chairs
- Adjourn the meeting

