

Response provided to journalist
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Questions:

Just a question re the chemical contamination around the Williamtown RAAF Base. Did Defence test people's properties for the chemical PFHxS? If so, when will it make those results available to residents?

Response:

Defence acknowledges the enHealth updated Health Guidance recently released by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

In planning its current investigations, Defence was not aware that enHealth reference levels would include PFHxS. As Defence's environmental investigations are broad in scope, the testing of environmental site assessment samples has included limited analysis for PFHxS.

The residential water sampling program tested specifically for PFOS and PFOA in residential bores, tanks and swimming pools.