

Questions:

Just seeing if we can get a date or date range to put in our diary for when more PFAS reports about RAAF Base Edinburgh may come out.

Response:

It was initially intended that RAAF Base Edinburgh be included in a preliminary sampling program, however a decision has since been made in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority South Australia (EPA SA) that the base proceed directly to a detailed environmental investigation, conducted in accordance with the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (NEPM) framework.

Routine environmental sampling of groundwater and selected soil locations detected per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at RAAF Base Edinburgh in 2014. This was a broad non PFAS specific sampling program. Defence intends to include and release that data and further details of historical Aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) usage at the base in a comprehensive historical review within the detailed environmental investigation.

The investigation is expected to commence by the end of 2016 and will take approximately 12 months, subject to initial report findings.

Further information on the RAAF Base Edinburgh detailed environmental investigation can be found at <http://www.defence.gov.au/ID/Edinburgh/>