

Question:

I received the response below last month referring to a community consultation re PFOS/PFOA chemicals at RAAF Amberley. I would like to know, now that it's October, when did the community consultation take place if at all and in what form. If the consultation hasn't taken place when will it?

Once the preliminary sampling program results are available, Defence will inform the community about the results and Defence's response. The community consultation will provide information on the progress of the investigation and the next steps. This consultation will occur in September 2016 and will enable Defence and the community to share information about the issue of PFAS contamination on and in the vicinity of RAAF Base Amberley.

Response:

Defence is undertaking a quality assurance review of the draft report for the preliminary sampling program. Once finalised the results will be communicated to the immediate stakeholders, Defence Base personnel, Queensland government agencies and the Ipswich City Council.

Following those consultations Defence will then release the results and the proposed investigation program to the general public. A date for the public release of the results is not yet available. Defence is working to undertake the consultation as a priority.