

**Questions:**

I have heard rumours from local residents that the Oakey Army Aviation Centre is pumping out groundwater, filtering out PFAS chemicals and returning the water to the aquifer. Is this correct? Can you tell me how long this has been going on? How much water is being filtered? And are you returning the water to the same aquifer (ie. aiming to dilute the contamination) or pumping it into a non-contaminated aquifer?

**Answers:**

Defence has engaged an international environmental company, Emerging Compounds Treatment Technologies (ECT2), to provide a water treatment plant to assist in the management of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at Army Aviation Centre Oakey

The water treatment plant arrived in late July via ship from the United States. This plant will treat contaminated groundwater on the base and reinject the treated water back into the aquifer to reduce the amount of contaminated water leaving the base.

It is currently undergoing a commissioning phase and is expected to become operational by the start of September 2017.