

Response to journalist
5 March 2018

Questions:

Can you please advise if there have been any accidental discharges of PFAS-containing foam at RAAF Base Tindal since 2015?

If so, how did the incident happen? How much foam was discharged? Was the entire amount captured and removed by an approved waste management company?

At RAAF Base Darwin, AirServices Australia has confirmed there were three small accidental discharges in August 2016, September 2017 and February 2018.

Response:

RAAF Base Tindal experienced an unintended discharge of Ansulite foam from a fire fighting vehicle on 4 October 2017. The spill was contained on the aircraft hardstand with no liquid reaching soil or grassed areas. The quantity of foam released was small and was immediately mopped up with absorbent material which was then stored. The foam and vehicle were subsequently tested and PFAS was not detected.