PFAS Applied Research Strategy

Our goal

The PFAS Applied Research Strategy supports Defence's access to the latest developments in PFAS research and technology to mitigate risks of PFAS contamination on and from the Defence estate.

How we work

- We invest in innovative PFAS research and technologies to help us reach our goals faster, more effectively, and with value for money.
- We work with other agencies at Commonwealth and State/Territory level to share information on PFAS science and remediation technologies and management.
- We work with international counterparts in the US Department of Defense, and with other NATO countries.
- We keep up to date with new PFAS science and technology by engaging industry-leading subject matter experts across national and international developments.

PFAS Technology

Defence invests in the most efficient and effective PFAS remediation and other technologies to manage PFAS contamination by:

- working closely with the US Department of Defense's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program and favouring new technologies that have completed trials under this program (or comparable programs)
- conducting field-scale trials of PFAS remediation technologies to support the remediation of a site.

Defence will consider proposals to trial a PFAS remediation technology relevant to the Defence estate.

PFAS Research

Defence invests in PFAS research to support the understanding and management of PFAS risks across the Defence estate by:

- working closely with the US Department of Defense's Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program
- partnering with Australian Government agencies and other organisations to address knowledge and data gaps that will help Defence manage the risks of PFAS contamination.

Defence will consider proposals for PFAS research relevant to the Defence estate.