

The Investigation Area

The Investigation Area defines the current extent of the investigation and is updated and amended as the investigation progresses.

The Investigation Area has been expanded to include a portion of Wattle Grove close to the Liverpool Fire Station, as shown on the map below.





Holsworthy Barracks Investigation Area (expanded to include Liverpool Fire Station).

How can people be exposed to PFAS?

Exposure to PFAS can occur from eating or drinking PFAS impacted food, groundwater and surface water and through contact with a range of work environments and various common household products.

At locations where PFAS contamination has been identified at higher levels, the main way people can be exposed is by drinking contaminated groundwater or surface water. Other ways include eating home grown produce (such as eggs, milk, meat, fruit or vegetables) where contaminated water has been used or eating seafood caught in affected areas.

Next Steps

Base on the findings of the Detailed Site Investigation, a Human Health Risk Assessment will be completed. It will assess the potential exposure risks to PFAS for people living, working and undertaking recreational activities within the Investigation Area.

The information associated with the investigation will be used to develop a PFAS Management Area Plan, which will aim to address any potential PFAS exposures.

Water Use Survey

As part of the investigation, you may have recently completed a Water Use Survey. Information has been collected through a Water Use Survey to find out more about water use in the Investigation Area, including around the Liverpool Fire Station.

The survey results provide us with an understanding of groundwater and surface water use and have helped to determine what sampling needs to be conducted as part of the investigation.

Community Engagement

Defence is committed to regularly updating the community throughout the investigation. The Detailed Site Investigation report is expected to be released publicly in the fourth-quarter of 2018 and a Community Walk-in Session will be held to coincide with the release of the report.

As well as community information sessions, updates are provided through the project website, newsletters and factsheets as new information becomes available.

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