

DOD Statement – EPA Health Advisory for PFAS/PFOA
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The Department of Defense prioritizes efforts to protect our military and civilian workforce, families who live on our installations, as well as residents of the surrounding communities, by reducing risks to human health and the environment caused by our activities. Consistent with this priority, the Department is committed to addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) releases from our activities on our installations and in the communities in which we serve.

June 15 EPA announced updated interim lifetime drinking water Health Advisories (HAs) for two PFAS - PFOS [at 0.02 parts per trillion (ppt)] and PFOA [at 0.004 ppt]. These levels are a significant reduction from the 2016 HAs of 70 ppt, which previously guided our PFAS drinking water clean-up efforts, and are based on draft levels that are undergoing review by EPA's Science Advisory Board.

We remain committed to fulfilling our cleanup responsibilities, operating within the law and authorities provided by the federal cleanup law, and clearly communicating and engaging with members of Congress and the American people for whom we serve."