

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Community Interest Assessment for the Schriever Space Force Base (SFB), Colorado.

The U.S. Air Force (USAF), as the lead agency, is conducting an assessment to gauge community interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to share progress of the environmental remediation activities being conducted at Schriever SFB. Schriever SFB is located within El Paso County, approximately 10 miles east of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The USAF began evaluating environmental contamination at Schriever SFB in 2010 and remedial activities will continue until remedial goals have been achieved. If you are interested in learning more about the Schriever SFB environmental restoration projects and having the opportunity to give your input to the base and regulatory agencies on the management of cleanup projects, please contact the Air Force POC listed below by 30 April 2023, to indicate interest.

Questions or requests for information can be submitted to: AFCEC.CZOM.ColoradoPFAS@us.af.mil or to Space Base Delta 1 Public Affairs at 719-556-5185

Background:

In 2013, two oil water separator sites achieved site closure at Schriever SFB. No further CERCLA actions took place at Schriever SFB until 2019 when investigation into historic use of aqueous film forming foam (or AFFF, a type of firefighting substance which was used on high-hazard flammable liquid fires) was investigated. In 2019 the Air Force completed a Site Inspection (SI) with input provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which studied two areas on Schriever SFB that had historic or suspected use of AFFF. Soil samples were collected at two sites and concentrations of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) were detected above EPA's 2018 Regional Screening Level (126 micrograms per kilogram [ug/kg]) at both sites. A Remedial Investigation (RI) is planned to begin in the Fall of 2023, to continue the investigation. Off-base drinking water well sampling was conducted in 2020 at wells identified in an off-base focus area. Analytical results indicated that concentrations of PFOS/PFOA were either non-detect or less than the EPA 2016 Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) in all but one well sampled. One well had PFOS/PFOA concentrations detected in the sample greater than half the LHA (35 ppt), but less than the LHA. This well is sampled semi-annually and results are reported to the homeowner.

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