



Why Are the Navy and Marine Corps Sampling Drinking Water Wells Nationwide?

We are addressing potential exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water near Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue.

- In May 2016, the EPA established drinking water **lifetime health advisories*** (70 ppt) for two PFAS (PFOA and PFOS).
- In June 2016, the Navy and Marine Corps issued a **policy** for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
- Firefighting foam was the **main historical release** of PFOA and PFOS for the Navy and Marine Corps.
 - No longer released during training and testing.
 - Currently used for lifesaving emergency measures.
- **Investigations are ongoing** for all installations to identify PFOA and PFOS exposure.

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On March 14, 2023, **the EPA proposed a draft regulatory drinking water standard for certain PFAS**, including PFOA and PFOS. In response, DoD has issued the following statement: “DoD respects and values the public comment process on this proposed nationwide drinking water rule and looks forward to the clarity that a final regulatory drinking water standard for PFAS will provide. In anticipation of the final standard that EPA expects to publish by the end of 2023, **the DoD is assessing what actions DoD can take to be prepared to incorporate EPA’s final regulatory standard** into our current cleanup process, such as reviewing our existing data and conducting additional sampling where necessary. In addition, **DoD will incorporate nationwide PFAS cleanup guidance**, issued by EPA and applicable to all owners and operators under the federal cleanup law, as to when to provide alternate water when PFAS are present.”

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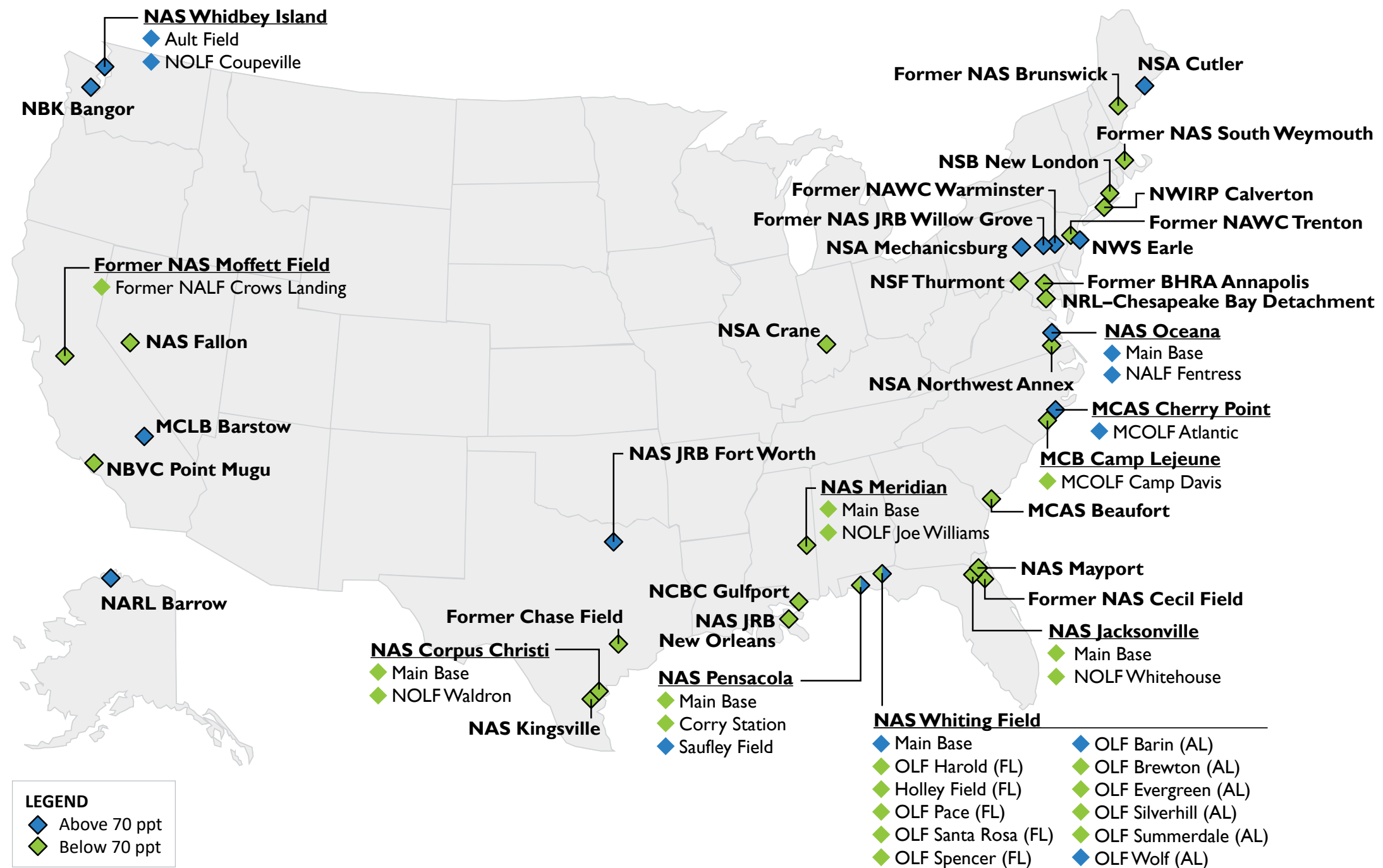


ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

DoD	Department of Defense	PFOA	perfluorooctanoic acid
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Locations of Completed Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling for PFOA and PFOS



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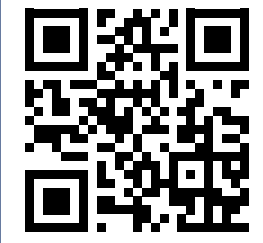


MCALF Bogue On-Base PFAS Release Areas



- 15 areas investigated
 - Runways
 - Fire training areas
 - Disposal areas
 - Wastewater treatment plant areas
 - Crash locations
 - Crash crew operations areas
- PFOA and PFOS detected in groundwater above 70 ppt
 - 26 of 36 surficial aquifer wells (total depth of 13–20 feet below ground surface) above 70 ppt
 - All 8 Yorktown aquifer wells (total depth of 71–117 feet below ground surface) below 70 ppt

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 to access the Preliminary Assessment Report,
 visit the Administrative Record at
<https://go.usa.gov/xJtFE>
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LEGEND

- Base boundary
- Shallow well – PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt in groundwater
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- PFAS release area
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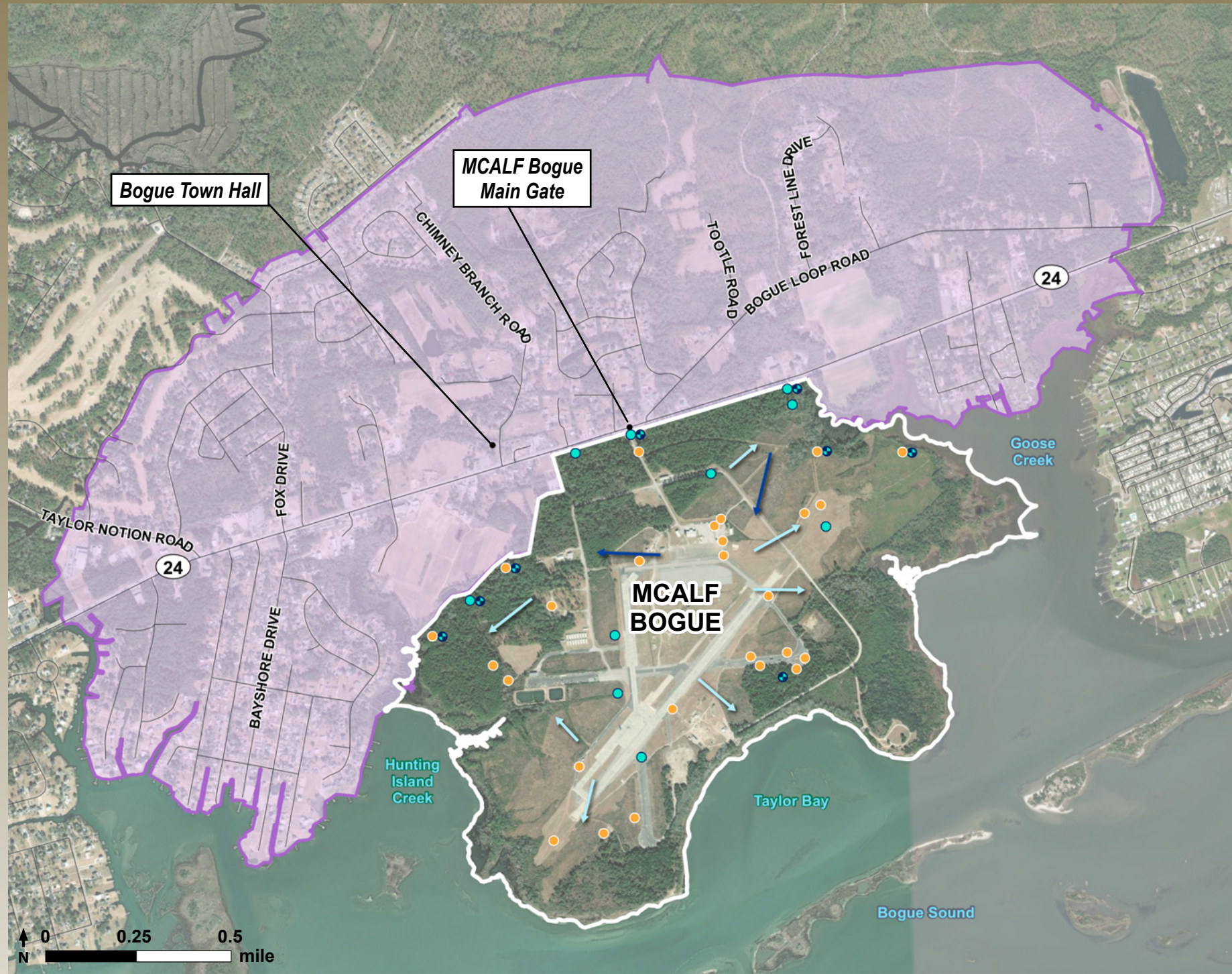


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Off-Base PFAS Drinking Water Sampling



The Navy and Marine Corps need your assistance to sample drinking water wells.

- The sampling area is within 1 mile of on-base wells where PFOA and/or PFOS were above 70 ppt in the direction groundwater may flow.
- If your drinking water is provided by the West Carteret Water Corporation, the Navy and Marine Corps do not need to sample your water.
- Our team may expand the sampling area based on the results.

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- Shallow groundwater flow direction
- Deep groundwater flow direction
- Sampling area

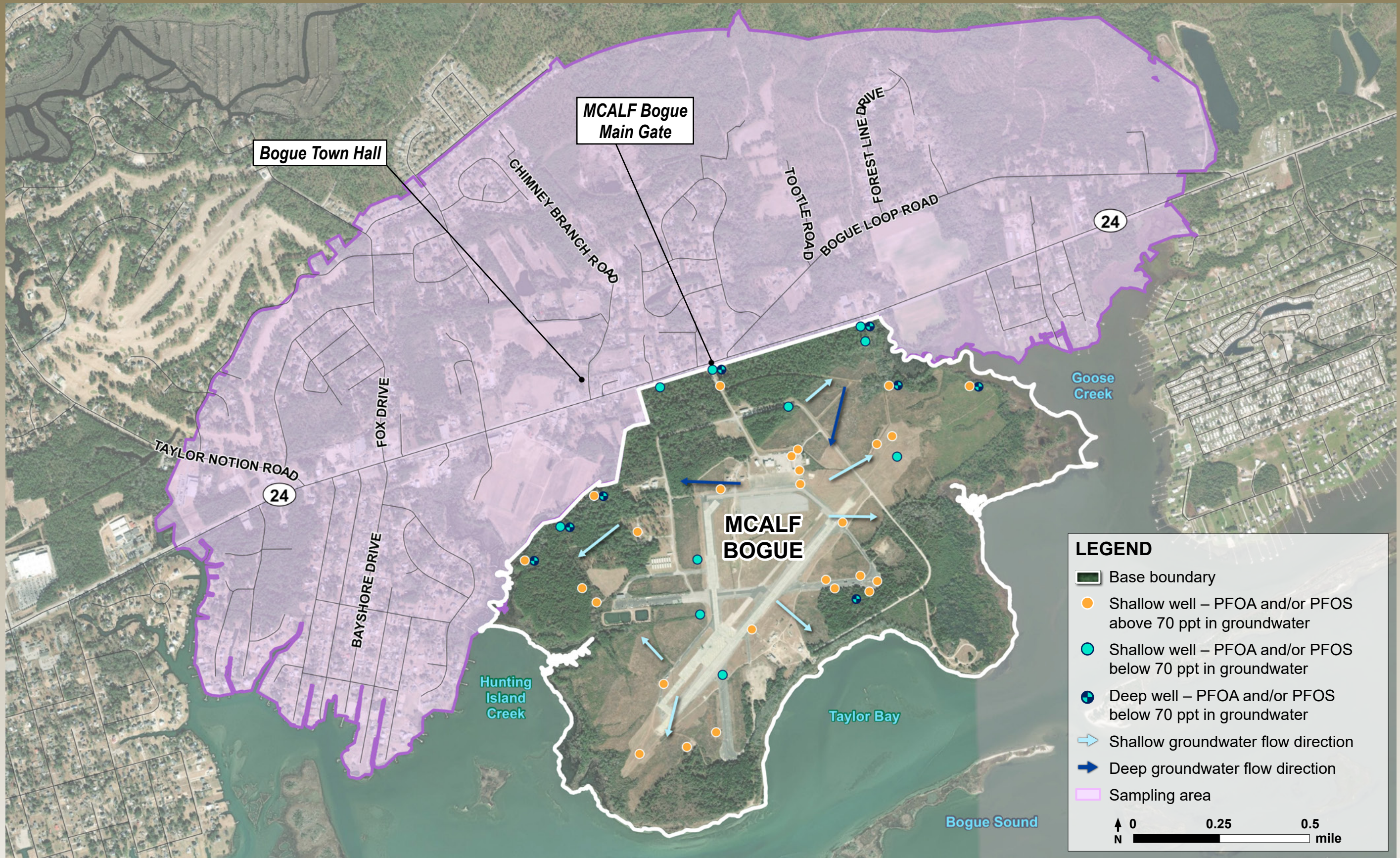
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Exposure to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

What Are PFAS?

- Family of man-made chemicals.
- PFOA and PFOS are most studied and understood.
- Found in the environment around the world (in air, water, soil, animals, plants, as well as in people).
- Last a long time in the environment.
- Widely used since 1950s in many products, such as:



firefighting foam



stain-resistant carpets and fabrics



water-resistant fabrics



personal care products



nonstick cookware



food packaging

How Can We Be Exposed to PFAS?

- PFAS may be in some drinking water, food, indoor dust, consumer products, and workplaces.
- Most non-occupational exposures occur by drinking water or eating food that contain PFAS.
- Exposure is minor through skin contact when bathing, showering, or swimming.
- Mothers with PFAS in their bodies can transfer PFAS to their babies during pregnancy and nursing.
- Based on current science, the benefits of breastfeeding appear to outweigh the risks for infants exposed to PFAS in breastmilk.

How Can We Reduce Exposure Proactively?

- Have your drinking water well tested.
- Use an alternative water source for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.
- Certain certified filters can reduce PFAS in drinking water.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about PFAS filtration systems, visit <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oea/z/pfas.html> or scan the QR code →



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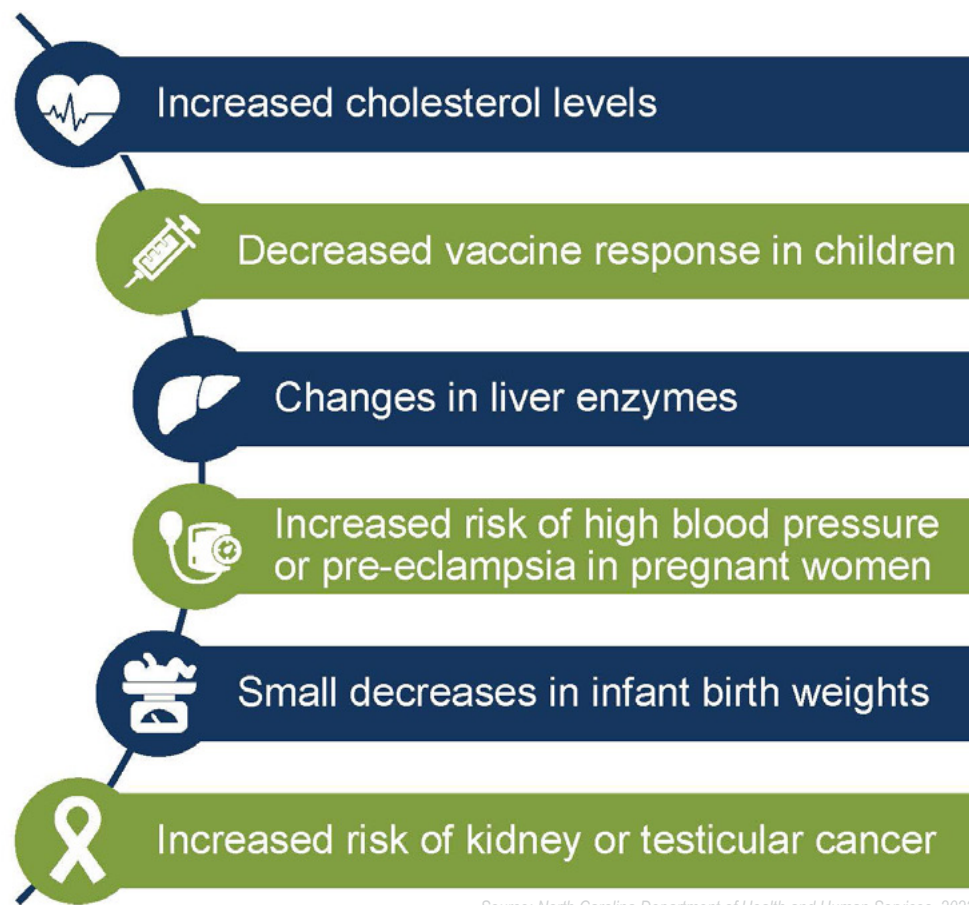
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Health Effects

What Are the Potential Health Effects?



In adults, children,
and pregnant women



Source: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, 2022

- Scientists are still learning about how exposure to PFAS affects people's health.
- Levels of PFAS in drinking water do not predict health effects.

Are Blood Tests Available for PFAS?

- Blood testing for PFAS is available but is *not* a regular test offered by a doctor.
- Blood test results will not tell you if PFAS exposure causes health problems.

Chemical exposures do not always lead to health effects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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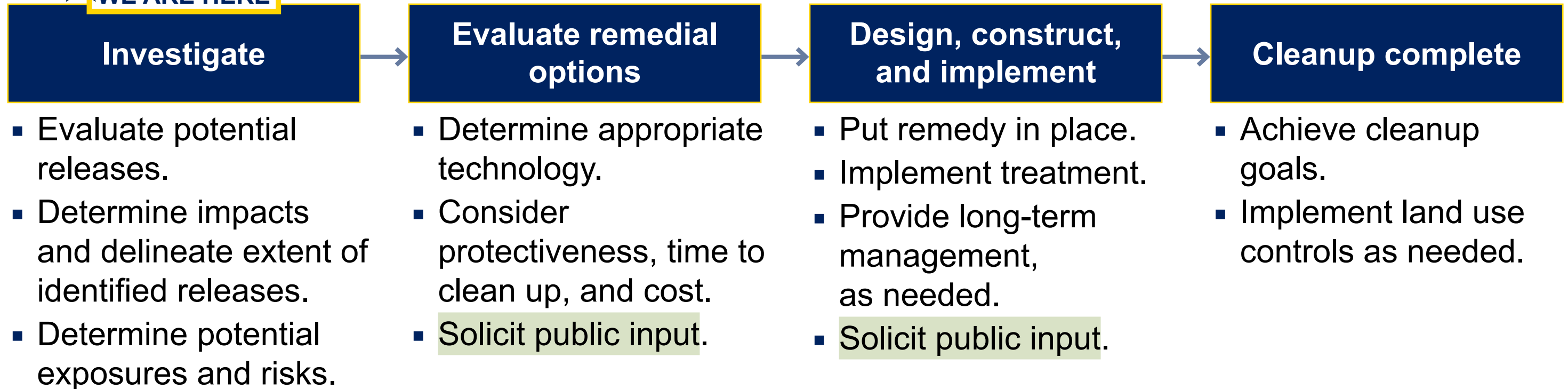
On-Base Environmental Cleanup Process

PRIORITY: Protect Human Health and the Environment

- The regulatory process, shown below, is being used to identify and clean up past environmental releases at MCALF Bogue.
- The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality is working closely with the Navy and Marine Corps to provide oversight at every step of the process.
- Public input is welcome throughout the process and is formally solicited at certain points.
- From beginning to end, this process can be lengthy. Science and policy continue to evolve.

PFAS Environmental Cleanup Process

 WE ARE HERE



The on-base PFAS evaluation is in its early stages.

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Sampling Results Timeline

Sequence of Events	Approximate Timeline
1. Navy and Marine Corps receive preliminary results	■ Within 1 month after sample collected
2. Navy and Marine Corps call with results	■ Within 24 hours of results received by Navy and Marine Corps
3. Bottled water delivered if PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt	■ Within 24 hours of results notification
4. Lab data verified and Navy and Marine Corps mail final results to property owner and tenant	■ 3 months after sampling

Bottled water will be provided until a long-term solution is in place.

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Sign Up for Your Sampling Appointment

Sampling Appointment

- No cost to you.
- Available daily **Wednesday, June 28–Sunday, July 2** and **Thursday, July 6–Thursday, July 13, 2023**, from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Additional times are available upon request

What We Need from You

- Signed access authorization form.
- An adult must be present at the property during sampling.

The Navy and Marine Corps will provide bottled water to properties for cooking and drinking if PFOA and/or PFOS are above 70 ppt until a long-term solution can be put in place.

Sampling Process

- Samples collected by a team of two experienced contractors:
 - Takes less than an hour.
 - Collected as close to the well as possible.
 - Water will run prior to sample collection.
- Collected and analyzed according to EPA guidelines.
- Team will take health precautions during sampling if requested.

To schedule an appointment after the Open House, call 877-MCBOGUE (877-622-6483).

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