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UPDATE: Deceased woman recovered near Misawa Air Base beach

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – Today, Misawa Air Base and Misawa City officials recovered a deceased Japanese woman who went missing in Lake Ogawara near Misawa Air Base beach, July 25, 2023.

The woman was transported off-base by Japanese officials for official identification and next-of-kin notification.

One male child passed away after being transported by Japanese emergency responders from Misawa Air Base Beach to an off-base hospital on July 25.

“Misawa Air Base personnel and families are encouraged to reach out to [Misawa Air Base helping agencies](#) if they were impacted by this heartbreaking loss of our valued community members,” said Col. Matthew R. Kenkel, 35th Fighter Wing deputy commander. “This was a tragic loss impacting multiple agencies across Misawa. We truly appreciate the support we received from the joint community, Misawa City and Chubu Kamikita first responders, local fishermen, and all the community members involved in our recovery efforts.”

Personnel with knowledge about the incident are encouraged to contact the Misawa Air Base Public Affairs Office at DSN 226-3075 or commercial 0176-77-3075 to support the ongoing safety investigation.

The Misawa Air Base beach will remain closed until further notice.