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Elevated PFOS/PFOA in Drinking Water

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – Routine testing of the main base drinking water of Misawa Air Base collected on Aug. 4 and 7 exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency’s Lifetime Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion for Perfluorooctanesulfonate Acid and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOS/PFOA). The measured level was 70.3 ppt. Misawa AB coordinated with the lead water authority and took immediate actions to reduce PFOS/PFOA concentrations. Repeat sampling of main base water determined the PFOS/PFOA level is 9.1 ppt. As a result, all Misawa Air Base drinking water is below the EPA’s Lifetime Health Advisory. Misawa will continue to sample for PFOS/PFOA, as outlined in “Memorandum for Sampling of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in DoD-Owned Drinking Water Systems, dated 11 July 2023.”