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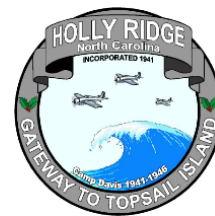
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THE TOWN OF HOLLY RIDGE SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO QUICKLY MITIGATE PFAS RELEASE ABOARD CAMP DAVIS SOUTH

On Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 the Town of Holly Ridge received information about the presence of per-and-polyflouroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field Camp Davis South (MCOLF Camp Davis South). In 2020 a Base wide Site Inspection (SI) was conducted with over 200 groundwater samples collected. Based on the Site Inspection results received to date, Camp Davis South was identified with the potential for PFAS to migrate off-base and impact drinking water wells in the direction of groundwater flow. Due to the limited information on groundwater flow direction in this area, the designated sampling area extends one mile from MCOLF Camp Davis South.

Current records indicate water from the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority is available for many properties. However, some residents within the area may use a private well for their drinking water and it is these private wells that should be tested for PFAS.

The Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA) out of an abundance of caution halted operation of two water production wells in the Holly Ridge area after receiving information on the PFAS at the neighboring base. ONWASA has ordered laboratory testing to determine if there is any presence of PFAS within the wells. At this time, there is no evidence as of this date that PFAS reached the well sites. Results of the testing shall be made available to the public once received. No water advisories are being issued at this time.

Citizens who have private water wells in the sampling area or who have questions regarding the release of PFAS aboard MCOLF Camp Davis South may contact the MCI-EAST Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Nat Fahy at (910) 451-7413. Citizens who have questions about the ONWASA water system may contact ONWASA directly at 910-455-0722.