



Press Release

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

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Marine Corps Installations Pacific Removes All Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) on Okinawa

MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS PACIFIC, OKINAWA, Japan -- MCIPAC has completed the removal of all legacy Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) from Marine Corps camps and installations on Okinawa, to include Marine Corps Air Station Futenma where the bulk of the legacy AFFF was located. The legacy AFFF containing high levels of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) has been shipped to mainland Japan for disposal by incineration at a facility licensed by the Japanese government. It has been replaced with a new foam which meets Department of Defense requirements and which still provides the same life-saving benefits in the event of a fire. This action significantly reduces the environmental risk posed by PFOS and PFOA on Okinawa and is another concrete demonstration of MCIPAC's transparency and its strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

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