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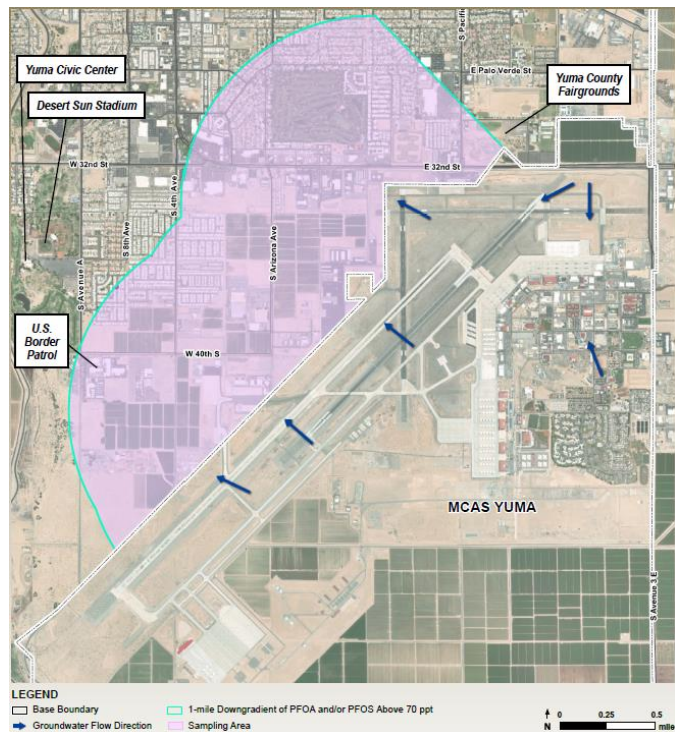
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MCAS Yuma Off Base Drinking Water Well Sampling

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Arizona (May 19, 2023) – The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are requesting permission to sample off-base drinking water wells within an area approximately one mile to the west of MCAS Yuma.

The sampling of the drinking water wells is for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, which may be present due to past use of firefighting foam or other PFAS-containing materials aboard MCAS Yuma. This sampling is currently only needed off the west side of the installation, in an area approximately from MCAS Yuma to Avenue A.

This sampling is only for off-base wells that are used for drinking, ensuring people are not being exposed to PFAS in their drinking water at concentrations above 70 parts per trillion as a result of an MCAS Yuma PFAS release. This testing is not for anyone who receives their drinking water from the city of Yuma or MCAS Yuma. PFAS have been used nationwide since the 1940s in products that resist heat, stains,



grease and water. They have been used in a variety of products and substances such as non-stick cookware, food packaging such as microwaveable popcorn bags, and water-resistant textiles and sprays used to treat carpets and fabrics. PFAS are also key components in firefighting foam.

Letters have been mailed to property owners and tenants in the sampling area to provide information about drinking water well sampling and to request permission to sample their drinking water wells. Sampling will be provided at no cost to the property owner or tenant.

MCAS Yuma is hosting an open house on May 24, 2023, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Yuma Civic Center, 1440 W. Desert Hills Dr, Yuma, AZ 85365.

There will be an additional open house for base residents on May 24, 2023, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. at the Sonoran Pueblo, 2581 Hart St. Building 1200, Yuma, AZ 85369.

Both open houses will have informational displays about this sampling along with representatives from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies available to answer questions.

If you get your drinking water from a well and are located off the west side of the installation, in an area approximately from the base to Avenue A, please schedule a sampling appointment by calling 888-444-YUMA (888-444-9862). There is no need for testing for anyone who receives their drinking water from the city of Yuma.

MCAS Yuma is committed to keeping the public informed about the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps' drinking water sampling. For more information about this process, please visit our website at <http://www.navfac.navy.mil/YumaPFAS>.

For additional information please contact the Communication Strategy and Operations Office at MCASYuma_Media@usmc.mil.