

## Event Notification: Upcoming DoD Public Information and Listening Session November 19, 2024

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RAB and Community Members,

DoD announced an upcoming virtual, public information and listening session about the recent [policy memorandum](#), “Prioritization of Department of Defense Cleanup Actions to Implement the Federal Drinking Water Standards for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program,” released on September 3, 2024.

The date for the session is Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

There will be opportunities for community members to listen, provide written questions about the policy in advance, or provide verbal comments during this session. The questions and comments received will be reviewed and considered by DoD. Although DoD will not provide direct responses to input that it receives through this public information and listening session, DoD will carefully consider input as it implements this policy and looks to develop future policies associated with its response to PFAS. The comments and questions received will also help determine if more information may be needed to increase awareness of the policy and will be aggregated and integrated into the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on DoD’s public Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) website. This information and listening session will focus on the September 3, 2024, policy and will not address ongoing site-specific PFAS cleanup investigations or actions.

Registration is requested to attend DoD’s information and listening session on November 19, 2024.

Community members can choose their desired level of participation for the event. The registration form provides options for participants to listen, submit a question, or request an opportunity to provide a public comment verbally at the information session. Should a participant be interested in submitting a question or making a verbal comment at the session, they will be required to register and identify their request on the registration form on or before November 12, 2024. The verbal comment period is scheduled for 45 minutes and each commentor will be limited to 2 minutes. Additional information is provided on the registration form. A link to livestream the session will be offered the day of the event. A recording of the event will be available on the DoD PFAS website Public Outreach page within two weeks of the live event.

Participants can register for the information and listening session here

<https://dodpfascommunication.events.whova.com/registration/>. If you are having technical difficulties registering, please email [DoDECCO@ageiss-inc.com](mailto:DoDECCO@ageiss-inc.com).

Learn more about the goals and efforts of the DoD’s PFAS Task Force at [www.defense.gov/PFAS](http://www.defense.gov/PFAS).

*Background information: Earlier this year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) establishing Nationwide drinking water standards for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The rule applies to public drinking water systems, which have five years to meet these standards. The issuance of DoD’s memorandum, “Prioritization of Department of Defense Cleanup Actions to Implement the Federal Drinking Water Standards for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program,” describes DoD’s plans to incorporate EPA’s PFAS drinking water levels into DoD’s ongoing PFAS cleanups and prioritize actions to address private drinking water wells with the highest levels of PFAS from DoD activities.*

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