

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INSTALLATION DRINKING WATER**

On Dec. 10, 2020, the Department of the Army issued guidance on monitoring drinking water on U.S. Army Installations. Fort Bragg coordinated data requests and sampling of non-Army owned water systems to monitor for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA). PFOS and PFOA are chemicals that are part of a larger group referred to as Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). These chemicals are manmade and do not occur naturally in the environment. Because these chemicals have been used in a number of consumer products, most people have been exposed to them.

Camp Mackall receives drinking water from the Town of Southern Pines.

### **Drinking Water Data**

Fort Bragg sampled the finished water from the Town of Southern Pines at the entry point to the Camp Mackall distribution system. Data received in December 2021 indicates the water contains PFOA. The PFOA result was 3.8 ng/L. The PFOS result was below the method reporting limit. This indicates that PFOS was not detected at a reportable level. The results are below the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ng/L).

### **Health Information**

Exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g., low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations); cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney); liver effects (e.g., tissue damage); immune effects (e.g., antibody production and immunity); thyroid effects; and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes). The EPA calculates health advisory levels to offer a margin of protection against adverse health effects to the most sensitive populations: fetuses during pregnancy and breastfed infants. Consult your doctor if you have specific health concerns.

Monitoring will continue in accordance with Department of the Army guidance.

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