

Upcoming Lower Waiawa Gulch & Waiawa Village Drinking Water Well Sampling



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The Army National Guard (ARNG) will investigate drinking water wells in the area that may have received contamination of PFAS from usage at the HIARNG Waiawa Gulch Unit Training and Equipment Site (UTES). The ARNG is testing in an abundance of caution; it is not known at this time if contamination has reached residential drinking water wells. Residents who have drinking water wells in specific areas of interest (close-to the facility and in the direction of groundwater flow) will receive a Right-of-Entry (ROE) request form from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). For those residents, once signed and returned, this signed document gives the Army temporary access to the property so they can collect drinking water samples from an outside spigot associated with the well.

What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)?

PFAS are manmade chemicals used in many industries to make things waterproof, non-stick, and stain resistant. These chemicals are often described as “forever chemicals” because they do not breakdown over time and can build up in the environment and our bodies. Some examples of materials that may contain PFAS include firefighting foam, carpet, furniture, waterproof clothing, and certain types of food packaging. The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) historically used PFAS containing aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). The AFFF was released for training exercises until the early 2000s. We have included two PFAS Fact Sheets from the Hawaii State Department of Health to help answer questions you may have about PFAS.

Public Meeting

The public is invited to a meeting to discuss sampling results from the HIARNG Waiawa Gulch Unit Training and Equipment Site (UTES), as well as the planned sampling of nearby drinking water wells. Speakers include ARNG, HIARNG, and the Hawaii State Department of Health.

When:	Friday, February 24, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House 4:30-5:30 pm• Public Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm
Where:	HIARNG Armory, 96-1210 Waihona St, Pearl City, HI 96782



Points of Contact

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