


The Army will assess and investigate potential PFAS releases and implement necessary response actions in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to ensure there is no human exposure above risk-based values or the USEPA health advisory levels. The Army follows the CERCLA process to fully investigate releases, prioritize responses, and determine appropriate cleanup actions based on risk.

The CERCLA process includes multiple phases: Preliminary Assessment, Site Inspection, Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, Remedial Design/Remedial Action, Remedial Action-Construction/Remedial Action-Operations, and Long Term Management. Each of these phases can take several years to complete. The first two phases are described below.

Preliminary Assessment (PA): The PA is an initial review and analysis of available information to determine whether a release of PFAS may have occurred, the potential sources, and type of release. It includes an evaluation of a site's relative risk and recommendations on the need for subsequent phases in the cleanup process or no further action.

Site Inspection (SI): The SI characterizes the site and sources; determines likelihood of release of PFAS to various media (e.g., groundwater, surface water, or soil); estimates the receptors actually or potentially exposed; and determines what additional action, if any, is appropriate.



The Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) provides drinking water to the former Fort Ord. Water pumped from MCWD supply wells on former Fort Ord consistently meets drinking water safety standards established by the USEPA and the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water. For more information, see the groundwater cleanup overview fact sheet. MCWD testing of its drinking water systems to date has determined no one in the MCWD service area is drinking water with PFOS/PFOA above the USEPA health advisory level. The results of MCWD's testing may be found at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking_water.html.



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