Air National Guard Begins New Phase of PFAS Clean-Up

The Air National Guard is moving into a new important phase of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) clean-up, the remedial investigation (RI), at its high priority locations. It has been through the generous financial support of Congress in our operations and maintenance budget that we are able to take this crucial next step. The RI is a multi-year effort that involves collecting data to characterize site conditions, determine the nature and extent of PFAS, and assess risk to human health and the environment. This information is critical for determining the most effective long-term cleanup remedies while demonstrating our ongoing commitment to the safety and health of our Guardsmen, their families, and our community.

In order to prioritize where and when the Air National Guard conducts each RI, we are conducting Department of Defense Relative Risk Site Evaluations (RRSE) at all of our installations that have confirmed the presence of PFAS released into the environment to inform our decision-making process. During the federal clean-up process under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the RRSE is used to evaluate the relative risk posed by an environmental restoration site in relation to other sites and in conjunction with the RI. This process entails soliciting public review and input on the RRSE outcomes.

As a key step in advancing the CERCLA process, the Air National Guard Readiness Center plans to award ten RI contracts by 30 September 2020 at these locations, which are subject to change. Air National Guard locations where an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) is actively underway will be assessed and prioritized for an RI at the conclusion of the ESI. The Air National Guard Readiness Center stands ready to support you with the technical expertise to facilitate a successful RI every step of the way. The Air National Guard Readiness Center will provide updates as we move forward in the PFAS clean-up process.