

Statement from the US Department of Defense to Vox.com regarding PFAS:

*PFAS is a national problem that requires a national solution. The Department of Defense is taking action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 [CERCLA] to address PFAS releases from DoD activities. The Department is committed to protecting human health and the environment by conducting cleanup under CERCLA to fully investigate releases, prioritize responses, and determine the appropriate cleanup actions based on risk to human health and the environment. DoD tailors the actual sequence, timing, and scope of cleanup actions to site-specific conditions. Additionally, the Department prioritizes resources and addresses sites where risk to human health is the highest. As DoD moves through the CERCLA process, it works in collaboration with regulatory agencies, communities, and other stakeholders to ensure open and transparent information sharing.*

*As of December 31, 2021, the Department has identified 700 active military installations, BRAC locations, National Guard facilities, and FUDS properties that require an assessment of PFAS use or potential release. DoD has obligated \$1.46 billion through FY 2021 and plans to obligate \$409.4 million in FY 2022 to address its PFAS releases. DoD plans to obligate an additional \$2.12 billion after FY 2022 to address PFAS releases, based on information available as of the end of FY 2021. DoD expects this estimate to increase as the DoD Components complete initial assessments and determine what cleanup actions are required. The Department will plan and program for these requirements as they are defined.*