

The Department of the Navy is investigating suspected releases of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at all of their installations. Most of those investigations are in their early stages.

The main source of PFAS at Navy installations is firefighting foam (also known as AFFF). The Navy is no longer releasing this foam for training purposes unless the release is fully contained. It is currently only used for emergency fire responses due to specific characteristics that make it a valuable life-saving tool.

At Norfolk Naval Shipyard, the Navy has collected samples at 11 possible PFAS release areas outlined in purple on the map.

The report is not yet complete, but once it is:

- It will be posted online.
- The Navy will evaluate cleanup options as needed.
- Cleanup decisions will involve a public comment period.

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