

## CUSTOMER INFORMATION ON ONWASA'S RESPONSE TO PFAS RELEASE ON BASE

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On January 29<sup>th</sup> ONWASA issued a media release notifying the public that the utility had shut down two (2) of its water production wells in the Holly Ridge area after receiving information produced by the Department of the Navy that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were found at nearby Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field (MCOLF) Camp Davis South. The media release was placed on both ONWASA's Facebook and website.

Since that time, some news and social media outlets have reported on the issue with different degrees of accuracy. ONWASA is committed to transparency and complete accuracy in communication with all our customers. The following are facts you should know.

1. ONWASA water is safe to drink.
2. There are ONLY two (2) wells owned and operated by ONWASA within one mile of the area aboard base where PFAS was found. The two wells are named Dixon-10 and Dixon-11 (referred to as D-10 and D-11).
3. D-10 and D-11 were recently constructed and were in operation from November 19, 2020 to January 27, 2021. During that time, they produced only 2.2% of the raw water which was supplied to the Dixon Water Treatment Plant.
4. The Dixon Water Treatment Plant serves the areas of Verona, Sneads Ferry, North Topsail Beach, Holly Ridge, areas along NC Highway 50 and a portion of Surf City. To a lesser degree, it provides water to the Haws Run, Dawson Cabin and Harris Creek areas within Onslow County.
5. ONWASA customers in other areas receive water from different sources such as the Hubert Water Treatment Plant or Richlands-area well fields. Those sources are not located near Camp Davis South.
6. No water from wells D-10 or D-11 is currently being used. The wells are shut down. The Dixon Water Treatment Plant is being supplied raw water from other sources. No other ONWASA wells that supply the Dixon Water Treatment Plant are located near Camp Davis South.
7. As of this date, there is no proof that PFAS migrated off-base and entered any ONWASA wells or drinking water. The wells were shut down out of an abundance of caution because ONWASA learned that they were within one mile of a reported PFAS release aboard the base.
8. Wells D-10 and D-11 will remain shut down until they can be proven to be safe.
9. If wells D-10 and D-11 cannot be proven safe they will be permanently abandoned.
10. ONWASA sampled water from D-10 and D-11 on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and sent the water to an independent laboratory in Wilmington, North Carolina. This was done to learn if any PFAS groundwater from the base had migrated to the location of D-10 and D-11 near Camp Davis South. Results of the laboratory testing will be made public once received. The laboratory reports that results should be available by 5pm on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
11. ONWASA shall continue 100% transparency regarding this matter.

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