

**Request for implementation of countermeasures in  
regard to pollution by fluoroalkyl substances, and  
authorization to conduct water testing at bases**

Okinawa Prefecture

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Lieutenant General RICKY RUPP  
Commander  
United States Forces Japan

**Re: Request for implementation of countermeasures in regard to pollution by fluoroalkyl substances, and authorization to conduct water testing at bases**

Dear Lt Gen Rupp,

I would like to express my gratitude for your regular support to the water and environmental administration of Okinawa Prefecture.

On June 15, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it will apply stricter standards on health advisories for perfluoroalkyl substances, namely PFOS, PFOA, PFBS, and GenX (hereinafter referred to as PFASs) on the grounds that these compounds were likely to cause adverse health effects on the human body. This is a matter of great concern to the citizens of Okinawa.

According to our testing, high concentrations of the PFASs in streams and springs in the vicinity of Kadena Air Base and Futenma Air Base have been detected on a regular basis, and in the town of Kin, whose source water originates from the area around Camp Hansen, the tested values exceeded the interim thresholds designated by the government of Japan.

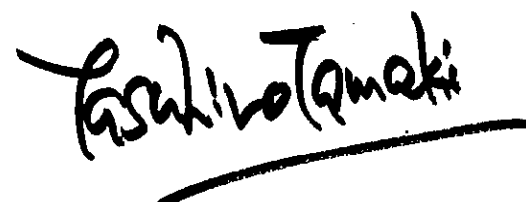
In order to mitigate its impact, we believe it is essential to identify the source of the contaminants and promptly implement requisite countermeasures. We have requested the government of Japan and the USFJ to apply necessary procedures and to allow for on-site testing or sampling of the water in the bases, but that has yet to materialize.

Therefore, I hereby request that:

- the USFJ implement expeditious measurements against the possible adulteration of the water supply with PFASs as noted above; and that
- we be authorized to conduct on-site testing of waters at bases as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Yasuhiro Tamaki  
Governor of Okinawa

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yasuhiro Tamaki", is written over a horizontal line.