



# Media release



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## PFAS contamination at CFS training centre

The Environment Protection Authority has asked the Country Fire Service to carry out further testing at its State Training Centre at Brukunga in the Adelaide Hills after PFAS contamination was found at the site.

PFAS, or per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, have been used in a range of products over the years, including in firefighting foams – a practice that is now banned in South Australia.

The CFS submitted a section 83A notification to the EPA when testing showed PFAS in soil and surface water samples, including in the nearby Dawesley Creek.

Under section 83A of the *Environment Protection Act*, site operators must notify the EPA if they become aware of any site contamination that affects or threatens groundwater.

The EPA has asked the CFS to enter into a voluntary site contamination assessment proposal (VSCAP) for the training centre, which will set out a program of work to determine the extent of the contamination and its future management.

Sites for which the EPA has received section 83A notifications are listed in the online [Site Contamination Index](#).