

**RESOLUTION OF PROTEST  
OVER THE  
DISCHARGE OF WATER CONTAINING PFOS AND OTHER  
CONTAMINANTS FROM MCAS FUTENMA**

At approximately 9:05 AM on August 26, 2021, the U.S. Marine Corps on Okinawa discharged wastewater with perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and other contaminants that was stored in Futenma Air Station into the public drainage system, claiming that the wastewater was treated before being released.

With talks between the governments of Japan and the U.S. still ongoing regarding the disposal methods of contaminated water, this recent release of wastewater by the U.S. Forces was enforced unilaterally and without debate. This incident provoked an intense backlash among the people of Okinawa.

International regulations have been implemented regarding PFOS and other such compounds, and in Japan, the use and production of such chemicals are generally prohibited. Despite this, we have seen leakage and scatter of fire-suppressant foam containing PFOS and other such substances from MCAS Futenma in December 2019 and in April 2020, as well as the discharge incident of wastewater containing PFOS and other such chemicals from the U.S. Army oil storage facility in Uruma City in June of this year. These actions and incidents have impacted the residents of Okinawa Prefecture with great concern and anxiety.

It is simply unacceptable that the U.S. Forces went ahead with this recent discharge of contaminated water without removing the anxiety of the local residents and without plausible explanation.

To that end, we, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, in our duty to protect the lives and properties of the people of Okinawa, solemnly protest against this recent discharge of wastewater containing PFOS and other such chemicals by the U.S. Forces, and call for the prompt execution of the following four (4) items.

1. Regarding the recent release of water containing PFOS and other such chemicals, clarify and disclose the progress of talks between Japan and the U.S. and the background and judgment grounds of the U.S. Forces to discharge the said contaminated water.
2. Under the responsibility of the U.S. Forces, incinerate wastewater containing PFOS and other such chemicals stored at U.S. Forces installations on Okinawa.
3. Comprehend the storage conditions of PFOS and other such chemicals in U.S. Forces installations on Okinawa and draw and disclose the management and disposal plans.
4. Permit on-site investigations at MCAS Futenma and Kadena Air Force Base as PFOS and other such chemicals have been detected in surveys conducted in the vicinity of these two installations.

The above is resolved as stated on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**Okinawa Prefectural Assembly**