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ATSDR invites public to comment on the re-evaluation of historical VOCs in drinking water for the Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base

ATLANTA, GA - The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has released its public health consultation report, “Re-evaluation of Past Exposures to VOC Contaminants in Drinking Water” in Oscoda, Iosco County, MI for public comment. ATSDR will accept comments from the public until September 30, 2018.

ATSDR re-evaluated the environmental data to determine if military members and their families, employees, visitors and nearby residents were exposed, in the past, to harmful levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in drinking water through on and off-base water supply wells.

ATSDR’s draft report is available for review at: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HAC/pha/WurtsmithAFB/Wurtsmith_AFB%20%20HC-508.pdf or a copy can be reviewed during regular business hours at the:

Robert J. Parks Public Library
6010 N. Skeel Avenue
Oscoda Township, MI 48750

The public comment process gives community members and other interested individuals the opportunity to review the report and provide their input. ATSDR’s responses to those comments will be included in the appendices of the final report.
Comments on the report must be submitted in writing to ATSDRRecordsCenter@cdc.gov, or mailed to:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
Attn: Records Center  
Re: Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base (Oscoda, MI)  
4770 Buford Highway, NE (MS F-09)  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

For more information about the Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base public health consultation report, community members can call 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636), or email www.cdc.gov/info.

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