

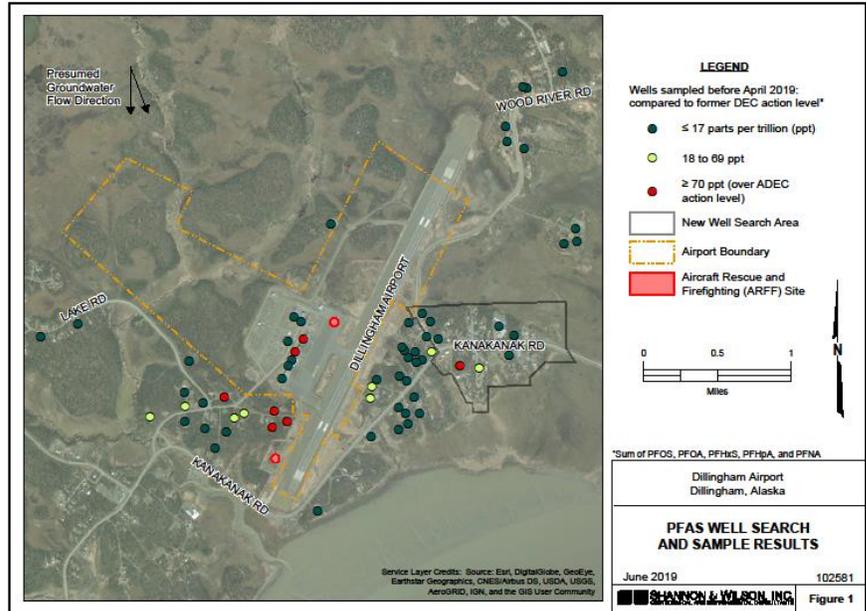


Shannon & Wilson, Inc. to Expand PFAS Sampling

In January 2019, the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) was notified of concentrations of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in groundwater near the Dillingham Airport.

Firefighters at the Dillingham Airport used aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), a standard firefighting agent that contains PFAS, to extinguish hydrocarbon fires during training exercises and emergency events.

The levels of PFAS in the Holy Rosary Church well exceeded the DEC action level for drinking water. The Holy Rosary Church has discontinued public access to their water well. Community members who used the church well as a drinking-water source may visit the Dillingham Senior Center instead. In total, nine wells were sampled on or near airport property.



Shannon & Wilson, Inc. sampled 65 drinking-water wells at residences and businesses near the airport for the presence of PFAS in the groundwater from Feb 26, 2019 through March 1, 2019. PFAS were found in 35 wells, seven of which had concentrations above the action level, including the Holy Rosary Church. Thirty wells had no detections of PFAS. DOT&PF and Shannon & Wilson, Inc. began contacting community members to notify them of their results April 4, 2019.

Sampling Information

Monday, June 10, 2019 to Wednesday, June 12, 2019

- Shannon & Wilson, Inc. will be conducting further testing in the area outlined in black on the map.
- If you have an active well in the sampling area, please contact **907-371-9022** to schedule an appointment.
- Those who participate in the sampling event will receive a copy of their results at the mailing address provided to the sampler.
- Please visit www.dot.state.ak.us/airportwater/dillingham or email airportwater@alaska.gov for additional information.