



# Media Release

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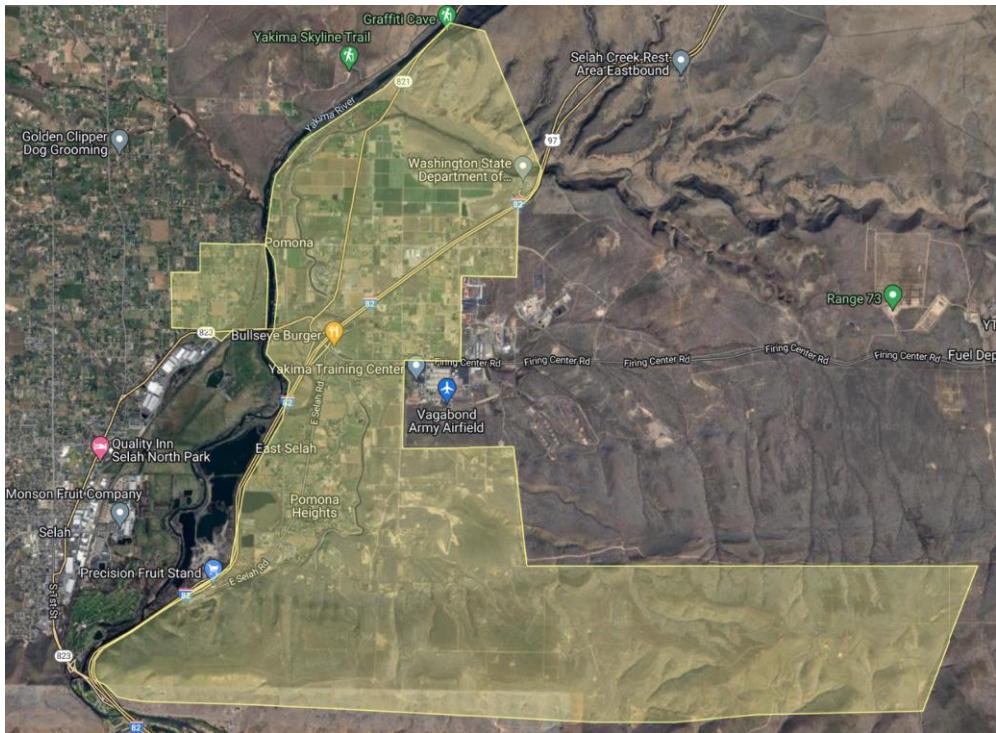
## Yakima Health District Expands Free PFAS Well Water Sampling Near Yakima Training Center

**Yakima, WA- Yakima, WA-** The Yakima Health District has expanded its [free PFAS well water sampling program](#) to include more households near the Yakima Training Center. This expansion is part of ongoing efforts to assess PFAS contamination in the area and provide support to affected households.

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a group of man-made chemicals that have been found in private water wells near the Yakima Training Center and have been linked to various health risks such as high cholesterol, weakened immune response and certain cancers.

As part of this expanded initiative, the Yakima Health District is offering free PFAS well water sampling to households in the designated sampling area with individual or shared wells that meet one of the following criteria:

- Have never been tested for PFAS
- Were previously tested for PFAS, with results older than one year
- Are in select areas north and northwest of the training center



## *Yakima Health District PFAS Sampling Area*

Households participating in the program will have a water sample collected from an outdoor faucet and will receive their test results within four weeks. If PFAS levels exceed the [new Maximum Contaminant Levels \(MCLs\)](#), they may qualify for a free point-of-use water filter. For more information or to schedule testing, households may call 509-249-6555 or visit [www.YakimaHealthDistrict.org/PFAS](http://www.YakimaHealthDistrict.org/PFAS).

## East Selah PFAS Community Hub

In partnership with Pursue PFAS Free, the Yakima Health District will host a community event on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. outside the Firing Center Xpress Mart located at 51 Firing Center Rd in Yakima. This event will provide information about the ongoing PFAS well water sampling program, along with updates on local and state initiatives addressing PFAS contamination. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about free PFAS livestock testing, point-of-use filtration, and other available resources to help protect their water and health.

## Quote

“We have been working closely with state and local agencies to monitor PFAS levels in the East Selah area and continue to provide resources to impacted homes. Recent data suggests that PFAS levels may be changing and affecting other areas of the community. I encourage households to take advantage of this free opportunity to test their water and ensure it is safe for their families.” – Shawn Magee, Environmental Health Director, Yakima Health District

**Additional Information**

[PFAS | Yakima Health District](#)

[Yakima Health District to Conduct PFAS Well Water Testing in East Selah Media Release |](#)

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