

SHIP OR STATION

I am (being) assigned to a command at Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi. By my signature below, I acknowledge I have carefully read the following document. If adult dependents are accompanying me to NAF Atsugi, I additionally acknowledge that I have discussed with them the below information.

1. NAF Atsugi is located in the Kanto Plain in Japan. The climate is temperate, with generally mild weather that produces high pollen counts year round. People with allergies, asthma, or respiratory problems can experience more frequent and severe symptoms when living in the Kanto Plain.
2. The Kanto Plain is also a major industrial center in Japan, and the air quality in the Kanto Plain does not meet standards set for air quality in the United States. People with allergies, asthma, or respiratory problems can have difficulty breathing and experience a worsening of symptoms as a consequence of the air pollution in the Kanto Plain.
3. There are many sources of air pollution in the Kanto Plain, not least of which are the many incinerators that burn trash, garbage, and industrial wastes. One such incinerator, which is privately owned under the laws of Japan, is located just outside NAF Atsugi. The incinerator is commonly referred to as the Jinkanpo incinerator, as it is run by the Jinkanpo Company.
4. The Jinkanpo incinerator produces a plume of air pollutants, including dioxins, that frequently blows directly over NAF Atsugi, including the housing and child care areas. The plume blows over NAF Atsugi predominantly from April through October, when the prevailing winds are from the South to North.
5. The Navy is concerned about the potential health risks posed by the Jinkanpo incinerator. The Navy Environmental Health Center (NEHC) conducted an Air Quality and Impact Study of the Jinkanpo incinerator in 1994, and based upon that study calculated a human health risk assessment. Since that study, the Navy has continued to conduct air and soil sampling in an effort to update the human health risk assessment.
6. The Navy and USG have been working with the Government of Japan since 1990 to resolve the air quality concerns. Concerted Navy, OSD, and interagency efforts continue to pursue ultimate closure or relocation of Jinkanpo's operations. The Navy is currently conducting a comprehensive Health Risk Assessment (HRA) to characterize more completely the potential environmental health risks at NAF Atsugi, and several epidemiological studies are evaluating the impacts of the air quality on individual health. The Navy is also pursuing the use of various engineering controls at NAF Atsugi to reduce exposure to air pollution and incinerator emissions.
7. If you have questions concerning your health or the health of your dependents, you should request a consultation with a Navy health care provider.

 SIGNATURE DATE WITNESS DATE

TO BE COMPLETED BY SERVICE MEMBER

I have been advised that I may receive individual counseling on the health risks that may arise in connection with my tour at Atsugi. I hereby elect to receive / defer (circle one) such individual counseling at this time.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH DEPENDENT OVER THE AGE OF 17

I have been advised that I may receive individual counseling on the health risks that may arise in connection with my tour at Atsugi. I hereby elect to receive / defer (circle one) such individual counseling at this time.

 SIGNATURE DATE WITNESS DATE

TO BE COMPLETED BY SERVICE MEMBER AND EACH DEPENDENT OVER THE AGE OF 17 UPON COMPLETION OF ONE-ON-ONE HEALTH CONSULTATION

On _____, I (and if applicable my spouse and dependents over the age of 17) received individual counseling on the health risks associated with the Jinkanpo Incinerator.

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