



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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Dear Men and Women of Team Kadena,

I would like to provide you with an update on the ongoing excavation of the Okinawa City soccer field between the Okinawa Expressway and Prefectural Highway 23.

The Okinawa Defense Bureau (ODB) has released an interim report on their survey results of ongoing environmental remediation efforts at the Okinawa City soccer field. Most recently, the survey team collected samples from 17 additional barrels and the surrounding area. The chemical analysis results are being used to determine required environmental clean-up and future excavation actions.

Kadena's Bioenvironmental Engineering experts continue to agree there is no health risk to the local population from the excavation site. On a monthly basis Bioenvironmental Engineering conducts routine water sampling at all schools and CDCs on Kadena Air Base to include BHPS and AEIS. We will continue to monitor the Kadena AB environment for hazards and will continue conducting air sampling on days in which school is in session during excavation. Appropriate measures will be taken should we become aware of any substantial impacts to the health or safety of our community.

We remain engaged with the host nation organizations conducting this investigation and will continue to do so. For more detailed information on ODB's sample results and for Kadena Bioenvironmental Engineering's latest air sampling results, please visit our reading room on the Kadena webpage at:

<http://www.kadena.af.mil/library/okinawacitysoccerfieldexcavation.asp>.

We will continue to provide updates as they come to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamala Gulley", is positioned above the typed name.

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