



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

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

The Okinawa Defense Bureau (ODB) recently released the results of soil and water sampling taken from the excavation site and the Okinawa Prefectural Government (OPG) recently released results of routine water sampling taken from two wells on Kadena Air Base.

According to the ODB and OPG, the results of all of the samples were within Government of Japan safety standards.

Kadena's Bioenvironmental Engineering experts continue to agree there is no health exposure to the local population from the excavation site. We will continue to monitor Kadena AB for environmental hazards and take appropriate measures should we become aware of any impacts to the health or safety of our community.

We will also continue to engage with the host nation organizations conducting the excavations. For more detailed information on ODB's sample results, visit our reading room on the Kadena webpage at: <http://www.kadena.af.mil/library/okinawacitysoccerfieldexcavation.asp>.

We will provide updates as more information is made available.

Sincerely

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

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