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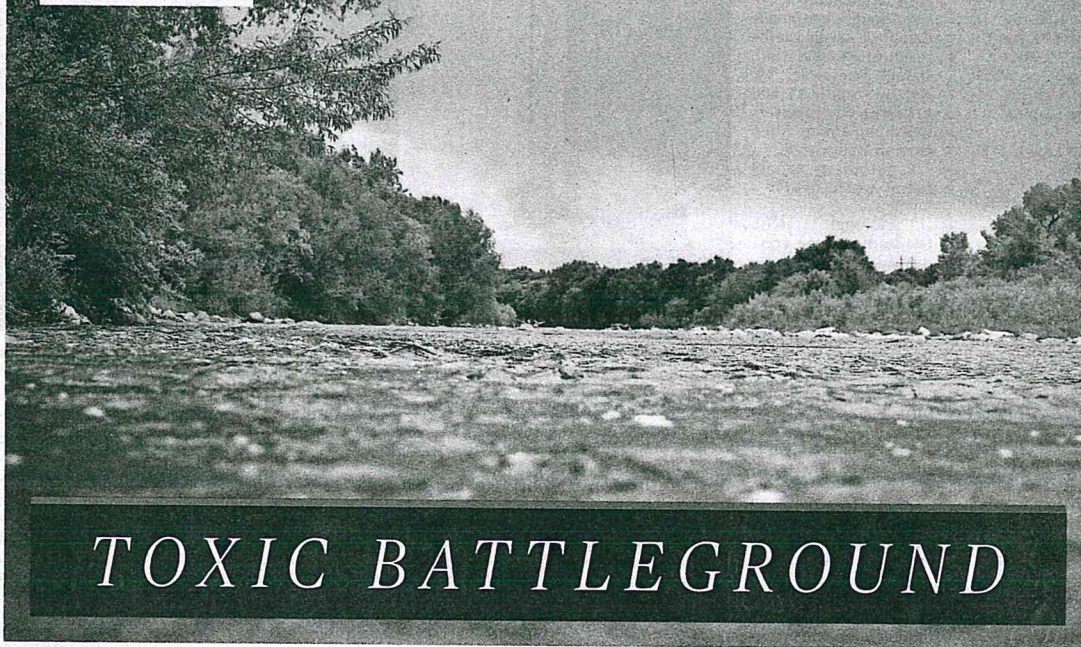


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UNWELL WATER



TOXIC BATTLEGROUND

The Fountain Creek flows near Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Dozens of drinking water wells in the area have been contaminated with PFAS from firefighting foam use. [KYLE BAGENSTOSE / STAFF]

Toxic firefighting chemicals continue to contaminate aquifers and waterways around military bases in Bucks and Montgomery counties, as well as Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey. And while exposure to drinking water is largely cut off, there has been little effort by the military to begin cleaning the chemicals from creeks, streams and groundwater.

Environmental regulators are working on a plan in both states, with Pennsylvania just getting started and New Jersey set to soon create the nation's most stringent standards on the chemicals.

But there are ominous signs. In states that have already passed regulations, the Department of Defense is pushing back, ignoring violations or even suing in federal court. Experts say it's a troubling trend, and states need EPA backup.

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About this series

Since 2014, 22 public wells and about 200 private wells have been shut down by contamination from perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, and perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is investigating the extent of contamination there, while a trio of current and former military bases in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, are thought to be the source of the taint there.

Reporters Kyle Bagenstose and Jenny Wagner have been investigating and writing extensively on the topic, telling the stories of local people who believe they've been sickened by the chemicals, speaking with health experts on the potential toxicity of the chemicals, and examining the actions taken by local, state and federal agencies as they address the contamination.

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