

## Kelly Groundwater Contamination

This map shows the approximate extent of shallow groundwater contamination, as of 2012, at the former Kelly Air Force Base. The green shows the area 30 feet below surface impacted by from volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These are from solvents, degreasers, and cleaners used when Kelly was an active base.

More than 600 monitoring locations are tested regularly to assess the effectiveness of the Air Force's ongoing cleanup program, overseen by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Contaminated groundwater at Kelly is in the shallow groundwater zone approximately 30 feet belowground. It is not used for drinking and poses no threat to human health or the environment. Drinking water for the Kelly community, as well as the city of San Antonio, comes from the Edwards Aquifer, which is approximately 1,500 feet **below** the shallow groundwater zone. The two groundwater zones are separated by approximately one-quarter mile of impermeable clay, ensuring the drinking water is safe from any Kelly contamination.

Cleanup has made good progress so far. The remaining groundwater in need of cleanup will continue to be treated until it meets the regulatory standards.

