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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29904-5001

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4 November 2022

Property #

Beaufort, SC 29906

Dear Sir or Madam:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TEST YOUR DRINKING WATER WELL

On behalf of the Navy and Marine Corps, I am writing to request your permission to sample the drinking water well located at [REDACTED], **Beaufort, South Carolina**, if the drinking water consumed on this property comes from a well. Working in partnership with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the Navy and Marine Corps are voluntarily conducting an off-base drinking water well sampling near MCAS Beaufort. I am asking for permission to sample this drinking water well because it may be impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). As more fully described in the enclosed fact sheet, PFAS are a family of thousands of different chemicals which have been widely used in many household and industrial products since the 1950s because of their stain- and water-repellent properties. Although the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started the process to establish regulatory levels for several PFAS in drinking water, there are currently no Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards for PFAS.

This sampling would be at no cost to you and if the Navy and Marine Corps sampling indicates that this drinking water well contains PFOS and/or PFOA above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), the Navy and Marine Corps will provide bottled water for drinking and cooking, and will continue to provide bottled water until a long-term solution is in place.

The Navy and Marine Corps would like to sample this drinking water well in December 2022. To schedule a sampling appointment, please call 800-818-8455 and leave a message indicating your name, property address, property number (included above), and telephone number. A representative for the Navy and Marine Corps will return your call.

Please also complete and return the enclosed drinking water well questionnaire and access form prior to your sampling appointment. If our records are incorrect and drinking water consumed on this property does not come from a well, please still complete and return the enclosed drinking water well questionnaire. This will help the Navy and Marine Corps maintain accurate records of drinking water wells.

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I invite you to attend an Open House for this topic on December 8, 2022, anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 2225 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina. The Open House will have informational displays along with representatives from the Navy and Marine Corps. You will be able to ask one-on-one questions of these representatives and also schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment. Enclosed please find additional information regarding this drinking water well sampling near MCAS Beaufort. You may also review our project website at <http://go.usa.gov/xJgYA>.

I am committed to keeping you informed of our investigation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the MCAS Beaufort Public Affairs Office at BFRT_JPAO@usmc.mil or call and leave a detailed message at 800-818-8455; please include your telephone number so that a representative may return your call.

Sincerely,

K. R. ARBOGAST
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer

Enclosures:

1. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
2. Access Authorization Form
3. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions
4. MCAS Beaufort Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling for PFAS Fact Sheet