

PFAS Drinking Water Sampling

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I schedule the sampling? If your property is within the designated sampling area, and the drinking water consumed on your property comes from a private well, you can call 866-MCDAVIS (866-623-2847) and leave a detailed message to schedule a sampling appointment. If your drinking water is supplied by the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority, we do not need to test your drinking water.

How do I return the property owner questionnaire? The questionnaire can be returned to the Department of the Navy contractor during your well sampling appointment or by mail to:

*Commanding General
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune
c/o Jacobs
14120 Ballantyne Corporate Place, Suite 200
Charlotte, NC 28277*

The questionnaire can also be completed and submitted on the MCOLF Camp Davis Virtual Open House website, <https://Lejeune.marines.mil/CampDavisPFAS>, or emailed to CampDavisPFAS@usmc.mil. Additionally, you may provide your response with your name, address, parcel number, and telephone number by leaving a voicemail at 866-MCDAVIS (866-623-2847).

What are the dates and times for sampling? The sampling will be conducted over two weeks from March 29 through April 9, 2021. Sampling appointments will be available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm. The sampling period may be extended as necessary. Accommodations can be made for property owners who may not be available during the sampling times.

Who will be taking the sample? A team of two Department of the Navy-contracted professional environmental samplers will collect the sample. An adult resident (18 years of age or older) must be present during the sampling.

Why can I not collect the sample myself? PFAS are present in many common household materials (e.g., stain resistant fabrics, nonstick cookware, and personal care products) and special precautions must be taken to avoid cross-contamination when sampling drinking water. There are also multiple methods for analysis, and it is important to utilize the correct method for drinking water. To ensure results are accurate, it is important that standard operating procedures and protocols are followed. The Department of the Navy and their contractors are aware of the most up to date sampling and analysis methods and employ chemists to review and validate all analytical data. The Navy will only take action on results from samples collected by their qualified contractors.

How long will the sampling take? The sampling will typically take less than one hour. The Department of the Navy representatives will take a sample from the closest spigot to your well, preferably from a spigot that does not receive any treatment. Due to the current COVID-19 precautions, for the safety of the property owners and the samplers, samples will not be collected inside homes at this time. The team will measure and record basic information about the water and will review the property owner questionnaire if completed.

When will I receive the results? The preliminary results of your drinking water sample are expected from the laboratory within one month from collection. A Marine Corps representative will call you to provide private notification of your preliminary results. Depending on the drinking water results, the following actions will be discussed:

- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOS and/or PFOA above the EPA lifetime health advisory levels, we will make arrangements to provide an alternate water supply (e.g., bottled water) for drinking and cooking in your home until a long-term solution can be implemented.

- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOS and /or PFOA at or below the EPA health advisory levels, no immediate action is warranted based on current guidance provided by State and Federal health officials.

All preliminary results will be validated by an independent third party. The validated results will be provided to property owners via letter. This typically takes 3 months from when the sample was collected.

Will my results be private? All results will be confidential to the greatest extent possible. You will receive your results and all references to results in official reports or in documents that will have a random number associated with your drinking water sample. Reports and documents will not contain your name or address. The Department of the Navy will not share any personal information that you provide, such as name, address, email, or phone number.

What COVID 19 precautions will be in place for sampling? *The sampling team will take the necessary precautions to minimize contact and will follow all state and Federal safety requirements. A sampling team member will call you upon arrival at the set sampling time and ask you questions regarding your well prior to sampling. The sampling team will ask that you remain inside during sampling and will take samples from outside spigots. Sampling team members may arrive in separate cars and will be wearing masks and gloves. Upon completion of sampling, a team member will call you to let you know that sampling is complete and coordinate a location where they will provide your sample ID card. If someone in your household is sick on the day of your sampling appointment or you have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please let the sampling team know as soon as possible and your appointment will be rescheduled.*