

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST-MARINE CORPS BASE PSC BOX 20005

CAMP LEJEUNE NC 28542-0005

5090.10 G-F/EMD

[insert date]

Property Owner «Parcel\_text»«parcel» «Address\_1» «City and 1»

Dear Property Owner:

The Department of the Navy and Marine Corps will be sampling drinking water wells in a designated area near Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field (MCOLF) Camp Davis South, located in the southwest portion of Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune's Greater Sandy Run Area, beginning in late March 2021. The chemicals being tested for are certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in drinking water wells due to past uses of certain firefighting foams (specifically aqueous film forming foam, or AFFF) or other PFAS containing material. The use of AFFF and other PFAS containing material is not unique to the Department of Defense, the Department of the Navy, or the

## Información en Español

Para recibir esta información en español, por favor llame a 866-623-2847 o envíe un mensaje por correo electrónico a CampDavisPFAS@usmc.mil.

Marine Corps. We are conducting this sampling to proactively address issues that may exist from past activities at MCOLF Camp Davis South.

A review of available records indicate that the drinking water consumed on your property, Parcel ID, located at FULL ADDRESS, CITY, may come from a private well. If this is the case, we would like permission to sample your drinking water. This sampling would be at no cost to you. Properties that have drinking water provided by the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA) and/or do not use their private well for drinking water do not need to be sampled.

You may schedule drinking water well sampling for your property by telephone at **866-MCDAVIS** (**866-623-2847**). Please leave a message with your name, address, parcel ID (included above), and telephone number.

PFAS are a group of chemicals, which have been widely used by the public in general for industrial and consumer products since the 1950s. Currently the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the state of North Carolina do not regulate PFAS in drinking water or require routine water quality testing for PFAS, but PFAS are emerging chemicals of environmental concern to the Department of the Navy, Marine Corps, the USEPA, state regulatory agencies, and the general public. In May 2016, the USEPA issued a nonregulatory lifetime health advisory for drinking water for two commonly used and studied PFAS, perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The USEPA established this advisory to provide Americans with a margin of protection from a lifetime of exposure to PFOS and/or PFOA in drinking water.

The Department of the Navy established a policy to ensure the communities near Navy and Marine Corps installations are not exposed to drinking water above the USEPA's PFOS and/or PFOA lifetime health advisory level as a result of military activities. Pursuant to this policy, the Department of the Navy studied areas of potential PFAS releases aboard MCB Camp Lejeune which identified groundwater at MCOLF Camp Davis that contains PFOS and PFOA. Because the area of the testing was near the installation

boundary, the next step is to sample any drinking water wells on properties within the designated sampling area. If our sampling determines that your private drinking water well contains PFOS and/or PFOA above the USEPA lifetime health advisory level, then the Department of the Navy will provide bottled drinking water or an alternate drinking water supply for drinking and cooking and will continue to do so until a long-term solution is in place.

We are working in partnership with USEPA Region 4, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA), and the Onslow County Health Department.

The Department of the Navy, Marine Corps, and our partnering agencies have developed additional materials to further explain the upcoming sampling program and provide general information on PFAS. Ordinarily, we would have held an Open House public meeting to present this information and allow you to discuss your questions and concerns related to drinking water well sampling with our team. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps will be hosting an online Virtual Open House in lieu of an in-person Open House. We invite you to attend the online Virtual Open House that will be available to view from 22 March 2021 to 25 June 2021 at the following website: <a href="https://www.Lejeune.marines.mil/CampDavisPFAS">https://www.Lejeune.marines.mil/CampDavisPFAS</a>.

Additional information is provided in the enclosures. Enclosure (1) is a homeowner questionnaire that we ask you to complete and return either at the time of your sampling appointment or by one of the other options indicated on the questionnaire. Enclosure (2) provides answers to frequently asked questions. For additional information, please review enclosure (3), the MCOLF Camp Davis PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Fact Sheet and enclosure (4), the USEPA Fact Sheet on PFOA and PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories. You may also review our project website at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xAFx5">https://go.usa.gov/xAFx5</a>. Enclosure (5) is a pre-paid postcard to request a copy of the Virtual Open House materials either by U.S. Mail or email.

If you are unable to access the information on the Virtual Open House website, you can request the presentation materials in printed form along with a DVD to view the narrated presentation of this material; requests should be made using the pre-paid postcard included as enclosure (5).

We are committed to keeping you informed of our sampling program. As we move forward, please continue to visit our website as we will post updates on progress and results when they become available.

Sincerely,

T. W. Ferry Deputy Commander MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune

## Enclosures:

- 1. Homeowner Questionnaire
- 2. Frequently Asked Questions
- 3. MCOLF Camp Davis PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Fact Sheet
- 4. USEPA Fact Sheet: PFOA and PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories
- 5. Pre-Paid Postcard Request for Virtual Open House materials