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Subj: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING RESULTS

Encl: (1) Validated Results
(2) Laboratory Report
(3) Explanation of Laboratory Report

Dear Ma'am and/or Sir:

Thank you for recently allowing the Navy and Marine Corps to sample your drinking water well for specific per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). I am writing today regarding the results of your property's drinking water. The results are provided in enclosures (1) through (3) to this letter.

The results have been validated and confirm that concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), both individually and combined, in your drinking water are below 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The enclosures provide the results for PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS included in the drinking water test methods (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Methods 533 and 537.1). The Navy and Marine Corps are continuing its sampling of PFAS in drinking water under the federal cleanup law and will keep you informed of developments.

On March 14, 2023, the EPA proposed a draft regulatory drinking water standard for certain PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS. In response, the Department of Defense (DoD) has issued the following statement: "DoD respects and values the public comment process on this proposed nationwide drinking water rule and looks forward to the clarity that a final regulatory drinking water standard for PFAS will provide. In anticipation of the final standard that EPA expects to publish by the end of 2023, the DoD is assessing what actions DoD can take to be prepared to incorporate EPA's final regulatory standard into our current cleanup process, such as reviewing our existing data and conducting additional sampling where necessary. In addition, DoD will incorporate nationwide PFAS cleanup guidance, issued by EPA and applicable to all owners and operators under the federal cleanup law, as to when to provide alternate water when PFAS are present."

The Navy and Marine Corps continue to work in partnership with North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and Carteret County Health Department to fulfill its cleanup responsibilities, operating within the law and authorities provided by the federal cleanup law, and clearly communicating and engaging with communities.

The Navy and Marine Corps are committed to keeping you informed on developments that may impact you and your neighbors, and will continually update the website, <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/BoguePFAS>, to keep the public informed.

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Additional resources can be found at the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) (Energy, Installations & Environment (EI&E)) and EPA PFAS websites. Both links are provided below:

ASN (EI&E)

https://www.secnav.navy.mil/eie/Pages/PFAS_Home.aspx

EPA PFAS

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider. If you have any further questions on the process and next steps, please contact Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point Communication Strategy and Operations at: navy.bogue.water.omb@usmc.mil or 877-MCBOGUE (877-622-6483).

The Navy and Marine Corps appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure that human health and the environment are protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. C. Burks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B. C. BURKS
Colonel, United States Marine Corps
Commanding Officer