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We are emailing to provide you with a status update regarding the Navy's drinking water investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), specifically perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), near the NSA Cutler Fire Station. The following update is provided as part of the Navy's ongoing community drinking water well testing for the emerging, national environmental issue of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

Public Outreach of NSA Cutler's Drinking Water Investigation Results. The Navy recently completed private drinking water well testing near the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Cutler Fire Station, and mailed property owners laboratory data reports of the PFAS analytical results from their own wells. Out of respect to residents' privacy, to the extent legally permitted, parcel-specific results are only released by the Navy directly to each well owner.

The Navy shared information on the PFAS drinking water investigation and a summary of the range of results with the public in a number of limited contact or remote options. These included:

- **14 Small Group Results Meetings.** The Navy conducted 14 Small Group Results Meetings that were held at the Town of Cutler Library on November 13 and 14, 2020. These meetings were held by appointment with two Navy representatives and up to three community members present in person at each meeting. Additional Subject Matter Experts from the Navy and State of Maine and federal health regulators attended virtually via an online computer platform. The local participants viewed a narrated Results Presentation, and had the opportunity to ask the Navy and Subject Matter Experts questions in real time.
- **Fully Virtual Results Meeting.** The Navy hosted a fully Virtual Results Meeting on an online platform on December 3, 2020 from 6 to 8 pm. The public participants viewed the same Results Presentation that was shared during the small group meetings, and then had the opportunity to ask questions of Navy representatives and State of Maine and federal health regulators.
- **Virtual Open House Website.** The Navy has posted Results Posters and the narrated Results Presentation on a Virtual Open House website (<https://go.usa.gov/xfGMx>) of the NSA Cutler Fire Station PFAS Drinking Water Investigation.

NSA Cutler's Drinking Water Investigation Results Summary. The Navy received final lab results from all 54 private drinking water wells sampled in the designated sampling area. The results indicate PFOA and PFOS have moved off the NSA Cutler property in the groundwater that is being used as drinking water by nearby residents. Of the 54 private drinking water wells sampled, PFOA and PFOS exceeded the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) in 14 samples. PFOA and PFOS were detected in 27 samples below 70 ppt, and were not detected in 13 samples.

Navy Remedy Actions. The Navy is providing bottled water for residents whose private drinking water well concentrations exceeded the EPA health advisory level of 70 ppt for PFOA and/or PFOS. This will continue until Point of Entry Treatment Systems (POETS) are installed on these specific wells to filter out PFAS above the EPA health advisory. The installation and maintenance of these treatment systems will be conducted by Navy contractors and paid for by the Navy. The POETS filtration systems are considered an interim action at this point. The Navy will continue to work with our state and federal partners to put a long term solution in place for wells which contain PFOS and PFOA above the EPA health advisory level.

Closing. Testing is still available for anyone within the designated sampling area that has not already had their well sampled. Information on how to schedule a sampling appointment is available, along with other project summary information, on the Navy's PFAS website at <https://go.usa.gov/xwfdW>. The Navy continues to work with the residents, community leaders and other federal, state and local agencies on this important national issue, and will keep the community informed while respecting the privacy of individual residents.

NOTE: If you no longer want to receive status updates on the Navy's ongoing actions regarding the PFAS drinking water investigation near NSA Cutler Fire Station, please reply by email to: NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil and we will revise our email distribution list accordingly.

Thank you.