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Good Afternoon,

We are providing you with a status update regarding the Navy's investigations of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which includes perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), at and near the NSA Cutler Fire Station.



PFAS Investigation at NSA Cutler Fire Station. Additional PFAS environmental investigation fieldwork at Installation Restoration (IR) Site 10 (NSA Cutler Fire Station) began Sept. 12, 2022 with underground utility clearances. Monitoring well installation and testing began Sept. 19, 2022 and will continue into November 2022. Please see "*Important Information and What to Expect*" in the **attached file** (previously provided in the August 2022 email update), for additional information on the PFAS environmental investigation fieldwork activities and schedule. If you have questions or concerns regarding this PFAS investigation, please send an email to Navy Project Manager Paul Young at paul.r.young71.civ@us.navy.mil.

PFAS Investigation near NSA Cutler Fire Station. The off-base drinking water investigation sampling results to date are summarized and posted on the NSA Cutler Environmental Restoration website (<https://www.navfac.navy.mil/Business-Lines/Environmental/Products-and-Services/Environmental-Restoration/Mid-Atlantic/Cutler-NCTAMS/PFAS-Sampling/>). Since the August 2022 update, one additional off-base drinking water sample has been collected. The Navy will update the website once the sampling results have been validated.

The Navy has installed a total of 19 point of entry treatment (POET) systems at properties near the NSA Cutler Fire Station where PFOA and/or PFOS concentrations in drinking water samples were detected, individually or combined, above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), the 2016 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifetime drinking water health advisories for PFOA and PFOS. The Navy continues to collect POET performance monitoring samples and validated results continue to be provided to each property owner via email or mail. The following provides a summary of the current sampling efforts:

- **POET System Performance Monitoring.** Based on the first year of POET performance monitoring data for 14 POET systems installed in April 2021, the Navy is conducting quarterly sampling of the systems during the second year of operation. The first quarter (June 2022) POET performance sampling results indicate the systems are working properly. The second quarter POET performance sampling is scheduled for September 2022. POET performance monitoring for the five new POET systems installed between January – July 2022 is ongoing and still within the first year of operation.

The Navy has evaluated the performance sampling results collected to date for two POET systems installed in January 2022 and discussed the results with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP). ***The Navy and MEDEP agree that the results for these two POET systems indicate the systems are reliably providing treated water below the 2016 EPA lifetime health advisory level for PFOA and PFOS.*** Therefore, the Navy has verbally notified the residents associated with these two POET system locations that they may begin using the

Drilling and monitoring well installation activities near NSA Cutler Fire Station, Sept. 19, 2022. Official U.S. Navy photo.

treated water for drinking and cooking and the Navy will discontinue bottled water delivery to those residents. In addition, the Navy will be sending each of those residents written notification that the treated water may now be used for drinking and cooking; the written notification will also include the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's concurrence email.

Bottled water will continue to be provided by the Navy to residents served by wells associated with the remaining three new POET systems for drinking and cooking until it is confirmed by both the Navy and MEDEP that the POET systems are operating properly.

Closing. If you have any questions regarding the NSA Cutler PFAS Drinking Water Investigation, please send an email to NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil or call the NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at 1-757-341-1410/1411. The Navy continues to work with property owners, community leaders, and other federal, state, and local agencies, and will keep the community informed while respecting the privacy of individual residents.

NOTE: If you no longer want to receive these status updates, please send an email to: NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil, and we will update our list.

Thank you.

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