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Subject: Status Update - March 3, 2023: Navy PFAS Investigations at and near Naval Support Activity (NSA) Cutler Fire Station

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 for NSA Cutler Fire Station. The PFAS environmental investigation fieldwork at Installation Restoration (IR) Site 10 (NSA Cutler Fire Station) was completed on Dec. 22, 2022. The Navy has received the preliminary results from the laboratory and the data are being validated. Once data validation is complete, the Navy will evaluate the results and prepare a report documenting the results, our analysis, conclusions, and recommendations for the path forward. The final report will be available for the public to review; the report is expected to be finalized in 2023. If you have questions or concerns regarding this PFAS investigation, send an email to Navy Project Manager Paul Young at paul.r.young71.civ@us.navy.mil.

Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling near NSA Cutler Fire Station. The off-base drinking water 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/>). The Navy is in the process of updating the website and the update is expected to be complete in late March 2023. The final drinking water sampling results are also available online at: <https://denix.osd.mil/dod-pfas/section-345-data-search/section-345-data-reporting>. Individual drinking water sample results cannot be linked with the sampled property on this website.

The Navy continues to collect point of entry treatment (POET) performance monitoring samples at the 19 Navy-installed systems near the NSA Cutler Fire Station. The Navy provides these validated results to each property owner via email or mail. The following provides a summary of the current sampling efforts:

POET System Performance Monitoring. The Navy is conducting quarterly sampling of the 14 POET systems installed in April 2021 and now in their second year of operation. The first quarter (June 2022), second quarter (September 2022), and third quarter (December 2022) POET performance sampling results indicated the POET systems are working properly. The fourth quarter sampling event is scheduled for March 20-24, 2023. During the March 2023 sampling event, maintenance of the POET system will also be completed. Maintenance items may include replacing filter cartridges and sample ports and/or pressure gauges as needed.

POET performance monitoring for the five new POET systems installed between January and July 2022 is ongoing and still within the first year of operation. The most recent POET performance monitoring sampling for these five new POET systems was completed in September 2022 (two POET systems), December 2022 (two POET systems), and February 2023 (one POET system), and indicate the POET systems are providing treated water with PFOA and PFOS below 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The next POET performance monitoring (two POET systems) is scheduled for March 2023.

The Navy will continue to provide bottled water for drinking and cooking to the one remaining property with a new POET system until it is confirmed by both the Navy and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) that the POET system is operating properly and is providing treated water with PFOA and PFOS below 70 ppt.

Closing. If you have any questions regarding the NSA Cutler PFAS Drinking Water Sampling, send an email to [NAVFAC ML PAO@navy.mil](mailto: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 residents' privacy.

NOTE: If you no longer want to receive these status updates, send an email to: [NAVFAC ML PAO@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil), and we will update our list.

Thank you.

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

DoD PFAS website: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/>