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Subject: Status Update, March 1, 2021: Navy Ongoing Actions Regarding the PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Near NSA Cutler Fire Station

We are 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. This update is provided as part of the Navy's ongoing community drinking water well testing program for PFAS.

NSA Cutler's Drinking Water Investigation Results Summary. The Navy has received the results from 57 private drinking water wells sampled in the designated sampling area. The results indicate PFOA and PFOS have moved off the NSA Cutler property to some off-base properties in the groundwater that is being used as drinking water at these properties. Of the 57 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 16 samples.

A narrated presentation summarizing the results of the off-base drinking water sampling has been posted on the NSA Cutler Environmental Restoration website at <https://go.usa.gov/xfGMx>. The Navy will continue to update the website as the PFAS investigation continues.

Navy Remedy Actions. The Navy is providing bottled water to properties where PFOA and/or PFOS concentrations exceeded the EPA health advisory level of 70 ppt. Bottled water will continue to be provided until point of entry treatment (POET) systems are installed to filter out PFOA and/or PFOS above the EPA lifetime health advisory. The installation and maintenance of these treatment systems will be conducted by Navy contractors and paid for by the Navy. The POET systems are considered an interim action at this time. The Navy will continue to work with our local, state, and federal partners to assess a long term solution for wells which contain PFOS and PFOA above the EPA health advisory level.

To provide additional information about these systems, including the installation process, the Navy offered virtual meeting appointments to those property owners who will have a POET system installed by the Navy. The virtual meeting appointments were conducted on February 17-18, 2021.

The POET system installation is planned to begin toward the end of March 2021. The Navy has recently completed the POET system design and has ordered the POET systems from a vendor. The vendor is in the process of constructing the individual treatment systems to the design specifications and is planning to complete an initial inspection of each installation location on March 1, 2021.

Closing. Testing is still available for property owners 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 PFAS website at <https://go.usa.gov/xwfdW>.

If you have questions about the NSA Cutler PFAS Drinking Water Investigation, you can respond to this email or you can call the Navy Public Affairs Office at 1-800-915-4705. The Navy continues to work with the 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 status updates on the Navy 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.

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