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Subject: Status Update, April 23, 2021: Navy Ongoing Actions Regarding the PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Near NSA Cutler Fire Station

We are providing 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.

Current Navy Actions. The point of entry treatment (POET) system installations were completed between March 29 and April 16, 2021 at properties near the NSA Cutler Fire Station where PFOA and PFOS concentrations exceeded the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion. Now that the POET systems are installed, the Navy has begun collecting system performance monitoring samples to demonstrate that treated water is below the EPA lifetime health advisory and is ready for drinking and cooking. Many more performance monitoring samples will be collected over the course of the system's operation to ensure the effectiveness of the POET systems and determine when system maintenance will occur next. The monitoring and maintenance of these POET systems will be conducted by Navy contractors and paid for by the Navy.

During the first year of treatment, 12 performance sampling events will be conducted. The first sampling event was conducted April 20 through 21, 2021. All newly installed POET systems were sampled during this first sampling event. After this initial sampling event, please note that not all POET systems will be sampled on the same schedule. Although each system will be sampled multiple times throughout the first year, we do not have schedules yet since future sampling may depend on the previous results from that specific POET system. Sampling will be more frequent during the first couple of months to ensure the systems are working as intended. A Navy representative will call each well owner to provide a summary of the preliminary performance sampling results. Once the results are checked by an independent third party, they will be provided to each well owner via email.

Closing. Testing is still available for property owners within the designated sampling area that have 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>.

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 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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