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**Subject:** Status Update, May 27, 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.

**NSA Cutler's Drinking Water Investigation Results Summary.** Since the April 2021 status update, one additional private drinking water well owner with a property within the designated sampling area has requested sampling. Sample collection is scheduled for early June. The Navy will update the NSA Cutler Environmental Restoration website at <https://go.usa.gov/xfGMx> with the results of this additional private well sample and provide an updated summary of the off-base drinking water sampling program.

**Current Navy Actions.** As noted in the previous update, the Navy has begun collecting point of entry treatment (POET) system performance monitoring samples. The Navy installed POET systems at properties near the NSA Cutler Fire Station where PFOA and PFOS concentrations were detected above the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion. The POET system performance monitoring is being conducted to demonstrate that treated water is below the EPA lifetime health advisory and can be used for drinking and cooking. Performance monitoring samples will continue to be collected by the Navy over the course of the system's operation to ensure the effectiveness of the POET systems and determine when system maintenance is required.

To date, the Navy has completed four performance sampling events in April and May 2021. The results of the first performance sampling event have been validated and provided to each well owner. The preliminary results of the performance sampling completed to date indicate the POET systems installed by the Navy are treating PFOA and PFOS in drinking water to concentrations below the EPA lifetime health advisory. The Navy is in the process of evaluating the performance sampling results collected to date, and discussing the results with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Maine Department of Health. Once the Navy completes their evaluation of the initial performance sampling results and confirms treated water remains below the EPA lifetime health advisory, bottled water delivery to residents will be discontinued.

The Navy has developed a plan to resample some off-base drinking water wells near the NSA Cutler Fire Station that initially detected PFOA and PFOS, but at concentrations less than the EPA lifetime health advisory. The specific drinking water wells have already been selected and the next sampling is planned for June 2021. The Navy has reached out to individual well owners with the proposed sampling schedule.

**Closing.** Testing is still available for property owners within the designated sampling area that have not already had their wells 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, please send an email to [NAVFAC\\_ML\\_PAO@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil) or 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.

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Thank you.

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