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Good afternoon,

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 Drinking Water Investigation Results Summary. Since the May 2021 status update, one additional private drinking water well within the designated sampling area was sampled; neither PFOA or PFOS was detected. The results summary on the NSA Cutler Environmental Restoration website at <https://go.usa.gov/xfGMx> has been updated with the results of this additional private well sample.

Current Navy Actions. To date, the Navy has completed six performance sampling events in April, May, and June 2021. The results of the first three performance sampling events have been validated and provided to each well owner. Preliminary results for sampling events #4 and #5 have been provided verbally to each well owner by the Navy Project Manager and are in the process of validation. Please note, not all POET systems are sampled during each performance sampling event, so although six sampling events have been completed, each system has been sampled three or four times to date.

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. The results indicate the POET systems are reliably providing treated water below the EPA lifetime health advisory level for PFOA and PFOS, which means that the Navy will soon discontinue bottled water delivery to those residents. The Navy is discussing this with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Please be assured that property and well owners will be contacted by the Navy Project Manager prior to discontinuing bottled water delivery.

In early June, the Navy resampled off-base drinking water wells near the NSA Cutler Fire Station that initially detected PFOA and PFOS above 40 ppt, but at concentrations less than the EPA lifetime health advisory (70 ppt). This was the first round of four resampling events planned for these wells over the next year. Based on the preliminary results, one additional location has a total PFOA/PFOS concentration above the EPA lifetime health advisory. The property owner was notified within 24 hours of Navy receiving the preliminary results and bottled water has been provided. The Navy will initiate the process of installing a POET system at this location and the website will be updated with the validated results. The next resampling event is planned for this July.

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.

