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September xx, 2020

«first» «last»
Parcel #«parcel»
«Owner Address_1»
«City, State Zip»

Dear «first» «last»:

The Navy is conducting a drinking water well investigation in a designated sampling area near the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Cutler, Maine, Fire Station beginning in September 2020. The Navy is testing for certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), which may be present in these private drinking water wells due to past uses of the firefighting agent called Aqueous Film-Forming Foam.

Based on our record review, we believe the drinking water consumed on your property, Parcel #«parcel», located at «Physical Address», «City, State», comes from a private well. If this is the case, we would like permission to sample your drinking water. This sampling would be at **no cost** to you, and **with COVID-19 safety protocols** in place to protect you and our samplers. Please note that the ideal sampling location is an outdoor spigot.

PFAS are a suite of thousands of chemicals which have been widely used in industrial and consumer products since the 1950s. Currently there are no Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards or routine water quality testing requirements for PFAS, but they are chemicals of emerging concern to the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), state regulatory agencies, and the general public. In May 2016, the U.S. EPA issued a lifetime health advisory for two commonly used and studied PFAS, Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS). The U.S. EPA established this advisory to provide Americans with a margin of protection from a lifetime of exposure to PFOA and/or PFOS in drinking water.

The Navy established a policy to ensure the communities near our installations are not exposed to drinking water impacted from a known or likely Navy release of PFOA and/or PFOS above the U.S. EPA's lifetime health advisory level. Following this policy, the Navy identified the NSA Cutler Fire Station property as a potential release location that may present an exposure to

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nearby residents using private wells for their drinking water. The Navy is voluntarily conducting this drinking water well investigation prior to completing any additional investigation of these chemicals on NSA Cutler properties. If the Navy's sampling determines that your private drinking water well contains PFOA and/or PFOS above the U.S. EPA lifetime health advisory level, the Navy will provide bottled drinking water to you for drinking and cooking. We will continue to provide bottled water until a long-term solution is in place.

The Navy is working in partnership with Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Region 1.

We request that you schedule drinking water well sampling for your property by calling (833)397-3778 and leaving a message with your name, property address, and telephone number. A Navy representative will call you back to schedule your appointment and to explain our procedures for social distancing and contactless sampling. Enclosure (1) is a homeowner questionnaire that we ask you to complete online at our website, <https://go.usa.gov/xwfdW>, or provide the information when making your sampling appointment. For additional information, please review enclosure (2), the NSA Cutler Fire Station PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Fact Sheet, and enclosure (3), the U.S. EPA Fact Sheet.

The Navy and our partnering agencies have developed additional materials to further explain the upcoming investigation and provide general information on PFAS. Ordinarily, we would host an Open House public meeting to present this information and allow you to discuss your questions and concerns with our team. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Navy and our partnering agencies agree that holding a public meeting is not safe at this time. Because it is important to have open communication with the local community, the NSA Cutler Fire Station PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Community Outreach Package, enclosure (4), is provided to allow you to view information similar to what we would have presented in a public meeting. We have also prepared a virtual open house online to provide additional information to the local community;

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the virtual open house materials will be available until **DATE** at <https://go.usa.gov/xfGMx>. Additionally, we invite you to visit our website, at <https://go.usa.gov/xwfdW> to get updates about the investigation. If you have questions, we encourage you to call or email any of our subject matter experts listed on the point of contact card, enclosure (5).

We are committed to keeping you informed of the Navy's investigation. As we move forward, please continue to visit our website as we will post updates on progress with the investigation and results summaries as they become available.

Sincerely,

DANIEL W. ETTLICH
Captain, U.S. Navy
Installation Commanding Officer

- Enclosures:
1. Homeowner Questionnaire/Frequently Asked Questions
 2. NSA Cutler Fire Station PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Fact Sheet
 3. U.S. EPA Fact Sheet: PFOA and PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories
 4. NSA Cutler Fire Station PFAS Drinking Water Investigation Community Outreach Package
 5. POC Card