



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY

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May 27, 2025

Full Name
Parcel # (Parcel ID)
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER WELL SAMPLING NEAR NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY
(NSA) MECHANICSBURG, PA**

The Navy is conducting private drinking water well sampling near NSA Mechanicsburg beginning in June 2025. The Navy is testing for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in these drinking water wells due to past use of firefighting foam, or other PFAS-containing materials at NSA Mechanicsburg. Although this issue is not unique to the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Navy, we are conducting this sampling to address possible issues that may exist from past activities.

Your property is located within the sampling area near NSA Mechanicsburg and based on our records, we believe the drinking water consumed on your property, parcel # (parcel ID), located at address line 1, in city, may come from a well. If this is the case, we would like permission to sample your drinking water. If your drinking water well was previously sampled by the Navy, we would like to sample your drinking water well again. You may schedule a sampling appointment by leaving a message at 1-800-730-1478 with your name, property address, property number (included above), and telephone number. This sampling would be at no cost to you. The enclosed fact sheet (Enclosure 1) provides more information about the Navy's drinking water well sampling near NSA Mechanicsburg.

The Navy sampled private drinking water wells between 2019 and 2022 near NSA Mechanicsburg to ensure nearby communities were not exposed to drinking water with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), the DoD's action level at that time. PFOA and/or PFOS were detected above 70 ppt in one private drinking water well and that property was provided bottled water for drinking and cooking by the Navy.

In April 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) finalized drinking water standards, known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for certain PFAS that public drinking water systems must meet by April 2029. These standards do not apply to private drinking water wells. In response, DoD issued a policy in September 2024 which authorizes the Navy to implement enduring solutions to address PFAS in private drinking water wells where certain PFAS are at or above the levels established in the policy.

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The Navy is conducting this private drinking water well sampling near NSA Mechanicsburg in partnership with the U.S. EPA Region III, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH). If PFAS in your drinking water well are above the DoD action levels, the Navy will provide an enduring solution, such as connection to public water supply or treatment, as soon as possible. Additionally, the Navy will provide bottled water for drinking and cooking to any property owner or tenant in the sampling area whose drinking water well contains PFOA and/or PFOS, individually or combined, above 70 ppt, and will continue to provide bottled water until an enduring solution is implemented.

You are invited to attend an Open House on June 16, 2025, anytime between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the West Shore Elks #2257 at 108 St Johns Church Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The Open House will have informational displays along with representatives from the Navy, U.S. EPA Region III, PADEP, and PADOH. You may also schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment at the Open House.

Please complete and return the drinking water well questionnaire (Enclosure 2) and right-of-entry agreement form (Enclosure 3) prior to your sampling appointment. Please visit the Navy's website for additional information: www.navfac.navy.mil/mechanicsburgpfas.

The Navy is committed to keeping you informed. The Navy's website will be updated periodically as new information becomes available. If you have questions, contact the Public Affairs Officer for NSA Mechanicsburg at: (717) 605-2448 or MECH_PHIL_PAO@us.navy.mil; please include your telephone number so that a Navy team member may return your call.

Sincerely,



E. DAWSON, JR
Captain, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg

Enclosures:

1. NSA Mechanicsburg Private Drinking Water Sampling for PFAS Fact Sheet
2. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
3. Right-of-Entry Agreement Form
4. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions