

# PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I return the drinking water well questionnaire?** There are several options for returning your completed questionnaire:

**In-person:** Give to the person scheduling your sampling appointment at the Open House on June 16, 2025, anytime between 6:00 pm and 8:00pm at West Shore Elks Lodge #2257 at 108 N Saint Johns Church Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or to the sampling team at the time of your sampling appointment.

**Mail:** Use the FedEx envelope provided (pre-paid and pre-addressed)

**Email:** MECH\_PHIL\_PAO@us.navy.mil

If you would rather discuss the questionnaire with someone, please leave a message at 1-800-730-1478 with your name, property address, property number (if known), and telephone number.

**How do I schedule sampling?** Property owners with private drinking water well within the sampling area can schedule an appointment at the Open House or can call 1-800-730-1478 to schedule a sampling appointment. If your drinking water is supplied by Veolia Water or Pennsylvania American Water, we do not need to test your drinking water.

**What are the dates and times for sampling?** The sampling will be conducted starting June 17, 2025. Sampling appointments will be available between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sampling period may be extended as necessary. Accommodations can be made for property owners who may not be available during the sampling times.

**Who will be taking the sample?** A sampling team of two Navy contractors will collect the sample. An adult (18 years of age or older) must be at the property during the sampling.

**How long will the sampling take?** The sampling will take less than one hour. The sampling team will take a sample from as close to the well as possible, preferably from a spigot that does not receive any in-home treatment. The team will measure and record basic information about the water and will review the completed drinking water well questionnaire. Upon completion of sampling, a team member will provide a card with a sample identification number to you. The sample identification number is specific to your sample; please provide this sample identification number if you have any questions about your sample or sample results.

**When will I receive the results?** The preliminary results from the private drinking water well sampling near Naval Support Activity (NSA) Mechanicsburg are expected approximately 30 days after collecting the samples. The Navy provides notification to the property owners and tenants of their drinking water results and any follow-up actions, if needed.

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 parts per trillion (ppt) and will continue to provide bottled water until an enduring solution is implemented. If the Navy samples your drinking water well, and PFAS in your private drinking water well are at or above the DoD PFAS Interim Action Levels for Private Drinking Water Wells, the Navy will provide an enduring solution, such as a treatment system or connection to public water supply, as soon as possible.

**Will health precautions be in place for sampling?** If you would like our sampling team to take extra or specific health precautions while sampling your well, please notify us of this when scheduling your sampling appointment.

**The Navy sampled my drinking water well years ago. Will the Navy sample it now?** Yes. The Navy is using newer analytical methods with lower detection limits and additional PFAS.

**Can the Navy use my previous sample results to provide bottled water?** Even if your drinking water well has been sampled for PFAS previously by other parties, the Navy will sample your well at no cost to you and will use these results to determine if your drinking water contains PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt. The Navy follows EPA's guidelines for sample collection and analysis, and implements strict measures during sample collection to help ensure that the sample results are representative of what is in the drinking water well. The Navy does not have a way to verify how other drinking water well samples were collected or analyzed.