

PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions

How do I schedule the sampling of my drinking water? Property owners with a private drinking water well within the designated sampling area can call **833-737-7267** (833-REQSAMP) to schedule a sampling appointment.

What are the dates and times for sampling of my drinking water? The sampling will be conducted during a period starting on January 18, 2022. Sampling appointments will be available daily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Accommodations can be made for property owners who may not be available during the regularly scheduled sampling times or dates.

Who will be taking the sample of my drinking water? A team of two Navy-contracted professional environmental samplers will collect the sample and will be accompanied by a Navy representative. An adult resident (18 years of age or older) must be present on the premises during the sampling event.

What precautions will be taken to reduce COVID-19 transmission during sampling of my drinking water? Safety is a top priority. We have developed COVID-19 safety precautions, including: all communications between the property owner and the sampling team can be conducted by phone if preferred; samplers will wear face masks and gloves at all times; and samplers will maintain social distancing from property owners of at least six feet. Additional information explaining our procedures for contactless sampling will be provided when you call 833-737-7267 to schedule a sampling appointment.

How long will the sampling take? The sampling of your drinking water will take less than 1 hour. The samplers will collect a sample as close to your well as possible, typically from an outdoor spigot that does not receive any treatment.

When will I receive the results? The preliminary results of your drinking water sample are expected within approximately 30 days from when the sample was collected. The Navy will provide private notification of your preliminary results within 24 hours of our receipt of the lab report:

- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOA and/or PFOS above the EPA lifetime health advisory levels, the Navy will initially contact you (by phone) to inform you of these preliminary results and to make arrangements for bottled water delivery for drinking and cooking in your home until a long-term solution can be implemented.
- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOA and/or PFOS below the EPA lifetime health advisory levels, the Navy will contact you (by phone) to inform you of these preliminary results.

All preliminary results will be validated, and the validated sample results will be provided to homeowners by letter within three months of sample collection. (Note: Your results letter will include results for other PFAS that are analyzed as part of the EPA test method. There are no EPA drinking water health advisories for these additional compounds.)

Will my results be private? All results will be kept confidential to the extent possible, as permitted by law. You will receive your results individually and all references to results in official reports will have a random number associated with your drinking water sample. The Navy will not share any personal information that you provide, such as name, address, email, or phone number to the extent permitted by law.