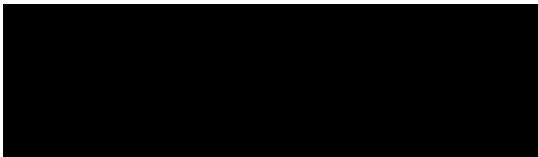




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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May 30, 2025



Dear [REDACTED]:

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER WELL SAMPLING NEAR NAVAL AUXILIARY
LANDING FIELD FENTRESS

The Navy is conducting private drinking water well sampling near Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress 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 uses of a firefighting agent called aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), or other PFAS-containing materials at NALF Fentress. 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 Navy activities.

Your property is located within the sampling area near NALF Fentress and based on our records review, we believe the drinking water consumed on your property, parcel # [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] in Chesapeake, may come from a well. If this is the case, we would like permission to sample your drinking water well. If your drinking water well was previously sampled by the Navy, the Navy would like to sample your drinking water well again. You may schedule an appointment by leaving a message at 1-800-931-6118 with your name, property address, parcel 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 NALF Fentress.

In 2016, because of a known or a potential release of PFAS-containing materials at NALF Fentress, the Navy began sampling private drinking water wells near NALF Fentress for PFAS, including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The Navy provided an alternate water source for drinking and cooking when PFOA and/or PFOS in drinking water wells were above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), the Navy's action level at that time.

In April 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published nationwide PFAS drinking water standards that public drinking water systems must meet within five years. These standards do not apply to private drinking water wells. The DoD, the parent agency of the Navy, issued a policy in September 2024 that takes into account these nationwide standards to address certain PFAS in private drinking water wells. This policy authorizes the Navy to implement enduring solutions to address 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 NALF Fentress in partnership with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Chesapeake Health Department. If PFAS are found in your drinking water well at or above the DoD PFAS Interim Action Levels for private drinking water wells, the Navy will provide an enduring solution, such as 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 10, 2025, anytime between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Hickory Ruritan Club at 2752 Battlefield Boulevard South, Chesapeake, VA 23322. The open house will have informational displays along with representatives from the Navy, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the Chesapeake Health Department. 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. Information about the Navy's drinking water sampling near NALF Fentress can be found at the following website: <http://go.usa.gov/xSvt9>.

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, call 1-800-931-6118 and please include your telephone number so that a Navy team member may return your call.

Sincerely,



J. A. APPEZZATO
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

- Enclosures:
1. Addressing PFAS in Private Drinking Water Wells near Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress
 2. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
 3. Right-of-Entry Agreement Form
 4. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions