



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER WELL SAMPLING NEAR ST. JULIENS CREEK ANNEX

The Navy is conducting off-base drinking water well sampling near St. Juliens Creek Annex (SJCA) beginning in February 2024. The Navy is testing for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in drinking water wells in this area due to past known or suspected use of firefighting foam, or other PFAS-containing materials, on-base. Although this issue is not unique to the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Navy, we are conducting this sampling to proactively address potential issues that may exist from past naval activities.

Your property is located within the sampling area based on our records review, and we believe the drinking water consumed at your property, parcel # [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] in Chesapeake, may come from a well. If this is accurate, the Navy would like permission to sample your drinking water. This sampling would be at no cost to you.

PFAS are a family of thousands of different chemicals which have been widely used in many household and industrial products since the 1950s because of their stain- and water-repellent properties. Although the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started the process to establish regulatory levels for several PFAS in drinking water, there are currently no Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards for PFAS.

The Navy established a policy in 2016 to ensure communities near our military installations are not exposed to drinking water with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) because of a known or potential Navy release of PFAS-containing materials. Our first priority is to ensure people are not being exposed to PFOA and/or PFOS in their drinking water at concentrations above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), whether individually or combined.

Working in partnership with the EPA, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Health, including the Chesapeake Health District, and the City of Chesapeake, the Navy is voluntarily conducting this off-base drinking water well sampling near SJCA. If the Navy's sampling indicates that your drinking water well(s) contain PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt, the Navy will provide bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes. Bottled water will be provided until a long-term solution is implemented.



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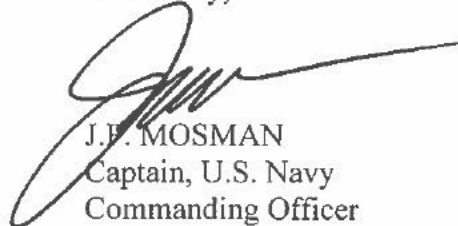
We welcome you to attend an upcoming Open House on February 6, 2024 anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at G. A. Treagle Elementary School, 2500 Gilmerton Rd, Chesapeake, VA. The Open House will have informational displays, along with representatives from the Navy and partnering agencies available to answer your questions.

You will have an opportunity to schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment at the Open House. You may also schedule an appointment by leaving a message at (844)-844-SJCA (844-844-7522) with your name, property address, property number (included above), and telephone number.

Please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire and right-of-entry agreement forms prior to your sampling appointment. Enclosed also find additional information regarding drinking water well sampling near SJCA. You may also review the project website at [http://www.navfac.navy.mil/SJCA\\_PFAS](http://www.navfac.navy.mil/SJCA_PFAS).

We are committed to keeping the public informed of the Navy's drinking water sampling. If you have questions, contact the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)/SJCA Public Affairs Office at [NNSY\\_PAO@us.navy.mil](mailto:NNSY_PAO@us.navy.mil), or call (757) 396-9550.

Sincerely,



J.E. MOSMAN  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

- Enclosures:
1. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
  2. Right-of-Entry Agreement for Sampling of Drinking Water Well(s)
  3. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions
  4. SJCA Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling for PFAS Fact Sheet

