

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD MILTON FLORIDA 7550 USS ESSEX STREET SUITE 200 MILTON FLORIDA 32570-6155

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PROPERTY OWNER Parcel Number Address City, State

Dear Property Owner,

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING RESULTS IN THE VICINITY OF NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

Thank you for recently allowing the Navy to sample your drinking water well for specific perand polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). I am writing today regarding the test results of your property's drinking water. The test results are provided in the enclosures to this letter.

The test results have been validated and they confirm that certain PFAS, specifically perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), in your drinking water are above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) lifetime health advisory levels. The enclosures also provide the test results for other PFAS included in the drinking water test method used for this investigation (EPA Method 537.1). There are no lifetime health advisories for the other PFAS at this time. As our team explained when you were notified of the preliminary results, the Navy will continue to provide you with bottled water for drinking and cooking until a permanent solution for Navy PFAS releases are put in place.

The Navy continues to work in partnership with EPA Region 4, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health. If new regulatory information on PFAS becomes available, we will ensure you are made aware of any future actions the Navy will take.

The Navy will be hosting another Virtual Open House meeting to discuss the sampling results and next steps, once initial sampling around NAS Whiting Field is complete. The purpose of the Virtual Open House will be to provide and explain the results of the private drinking water sampling program and to provide information on the Navy's next steps to address our findings to date. When finalized, the Virtual Open House date will be posted on the NAS Whiting Field PFAS website. The link to the website is: http://go.usa.gov/xAEQF

We are committed to keeping you informed on developments that may impact you and your neighbors. We will continue to update our public website to keep residents informed about the PFAS investigation as information, research, and regulation from federal, state or local agencies evolve. The link to the website is: http://go.usa.gov/xAEQF

Additional informative resources on PFAS can be found at the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) website on PFAS and at EPA's website on the Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFOA and PFOS. Both links are provided below:

ASN (EI&E) https://www.secnav.navy.mil/eie/pages/pfc-pfas.aspx

EPA

https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos

If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider. If you have any further questions on the process and our next steps, please contact Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Officer, at whtg_naswf_pao.fct@navy.mil or 844-NASWFLD (844-627-9353).

We appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure that human health and the environment are protected. We will continue to supply you bottled water for drinking and cooking and remain committed to the safety and health of you and your family.

Sincerely,

A. M. Hay

PAUL N. FLORES Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures:

- 1. Validated Sample Results
- 2. Laboratory Report
- 3. Explanation of Laboratory Report