DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD
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MILTON FLORIDA 32570-6155

Ser [redacted]
July 21, 2026

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Dear [redacted]:

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER WELL SAMPLING RESULTS NEAR NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

On behalf of the United States Navy, I am writing to request a meeting with you to discuss long-term solutions to address certain per– and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that were previously detected in your drinking water well. Please call 844-NASWFLD (844-627-9353) and leave a message with your name, phone number, and property address. A Navy representative will return your call to schedule an appointment with our environmental staff.

In 2017, because of a known or a potential release of PFAS-containing materials at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field, the Navy began sampling private drinking water wells near NAS Whiting Field for PFAS, including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (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 the time. The Navy sampled your drinking water well in [redacted]. Because PFOA and/or PFOS were below 70 ppt in your drinking water, an alternate water source was not provided at that time.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has since published nationwide PFAS drinking water standards, or National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) Levels, that public drinking water systems must meet by April 2029. These standards do not apply to private drinking water wells. However, the Department of War (DoW), the parent agency of the Navy, has issued a policy to address certain PFAS in private drinking water wells that takes into account these nationwide standards. This policy authorizes the Navy to implement enduring solutions to address private drinking water wells where certain PFAS are at or above the DoW PFAS Interim Action Levels for Private Drinking Water Wells established in the policy.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2026 was signed into law on December 18, 2025 and allows the Navy to offer alternative drinking water (such as connection to public water or installation of a treatment system) for downgradient households in the community that receive water from private drinking water wells where levels of PFOA and/or PFOS exceed the U.S. EPA NPDWR Levels if certain conditions are met.

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Enclosures 1 and 2 provide the validated results for your drinking water sample. Enclosure 3 provides additional information for greater understanding of your drinking water well sample. [redacted] was/were found in your water above the corresponding U.S. EPA NPDWR Level and the conditions specified in the NDAA for 2026 are met. The Navy would like to schedule an appointment to discuss your results and a plan for implementing an enduring solution, such as connection to public water or installation of a treatment system. **Please call 844-NASWFLD (844-627-9353) and leave a message with your name, property address, and contact phone number. A Navy representative will return your call to set up an appointment.**

Additional information from DoW and U.S. EPA can be found at the following websites:

DoW: https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/
U.S. EPA: https://www.epa.gov/pfas

Please be assured, the Navy continues to work in partnership with the U.S. EPA, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health to fulfill our cleanup responsibilities. The Navy is committed to ensuring the safety of its neighbors and will keep you informed on developments that may impact you and your community.

The Navy appreciates your continued understanding and cooperation with our PFAS investigation, and we ask that you contact the Navy, as requested above, by calling 844-NASWFLD (844-627-9353) to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

T.J. ELKINS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosures:
1. Validated Results
2. Laboratory Report
3. Explanation of Laboratory Report