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NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD MILTON FLORIDA
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Dear Property Owner,

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING RESULTS IN THE VICINITY OF OUTLYING LANDING FIELD (OLF) BARIN AN OLF FOR NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

Thank you for recently allowing the Navy to test your drinking water well for specific per- and 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/or perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), in your drinking water are above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) lifetime health advisory levels. 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 is put in place. 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). Currently, there are no lifetime health advisories for the other PFAS.

The Navy continues to work in partnership with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and the Alabama Department of Public 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 OLF BARIN 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, with a hyperlink, on the NAS Whiting Field Environmental Restoration Program public website, <http://go.usa.gov/xAEQF>.

As we continue the on-base PFAS investigations in partnership with regulatory agencies, we will continue to update the NAS Whiting Field Environmental Restoration Program public website (<http://go.usa.gov/xAEQF>) to keep residents informed of these investigations. We are committed to keeping you informed on developments that may impact you and your neighbors;

as such this public website will be updated as information, research, and regulation from federal, state or local agencies evolves.

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/PFAS_Home.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 until we can provide you with a more permanent long-term solution. We remain committed to the safety and health of you and your family.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures:

1. Validated Test Results
2. Laboratory Report
3. Explanation of Laboratory Report