

# PFAS Drinking Water Sampling

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I schedule the sampling?** Property owners with a private or a community drinking water well within the designated sampling area can call the Navy at 1-844-NASWFLD (1-844-627-9353) to schedule a sampling appointment. If your drinking water is supplied by the City of Milton or the Point Baker Water System, we do not need to test your drinking water.

**How do I return the property owner questionnaire?** The questionnaire can be mailed to: *Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field c/o Jacobs PO Box 3730, Decatur, GA 30031*. The questionnaire can also be completed and submitted on the NAS Whiting Field website, <https://WhitingFieldPFAS.com/sampling>, or emailed to [whtg\\_naswf\\_pao.fct@navy.mil](mailto:whtg_naswf_pao.fct@navy.mil). Additionally, you may provide your response with your name, address, property number (if known), and telephone number by leaving voicemail at 1-844-NASWFLD (1-844-627-9353).

**What are the dates and times for sampling?** The sampling will be conducted over two weeks from March 10 through March 17, 2021. Sampling appointments will be available between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm. The sampling period may be extended as necessary. Accommodations can be made for property owners who may not be available during the sampling times.

**Who will be taking the sample?** A team of two Navy representatives will collect the sample. An adult resident (18 years of age or older) must be at the property during the sampling.

**How long will the sampling take?** The sampling will take approximately 30 minutes. The Navy representatives will take a sample from the closest spigot to your well, from a spigot that does not receive any in-home treatment. The team will measure and record basic information about the water and will review the property owner questionnaire if completed.

**When will I receive the results?** The preliminary results of your drinking water sample are expected within 30 days from when the sample was collected. The Navy will provide private notification of your preliminary results:

- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOS and/or PFOA above the EPA health advisory levels, the Navy will contact you to make arrangements to provide an alternate water supply (e.g., bottled water) for drinking and cooking in your home until a long-term solution can be implemented.
- If your drinking water is found to contain PFOS and /or PFOA at or below the EPA health advisory levels, you will be contacted via phone and informed of these results.

All preliminary results will be validated by an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The validated sample results will be provided to property owners via letter approximately 3 months after sampling.

**Will my results be private?** All results will be confidential to the greatest extent possible. You will receive your results and all references to results in official reports or in documents that will have a random number associated with your drinking water sample. Reports and documents will not contain your name or address. The Navy will not share any personal information that you provide, such as name, address, email, or phone number without your permission.

**What COVID-19 Precautions will be in Place for Sampling?** *The sampling team will take the necessary precautions to minimize potential exposure. A sampling team member will call you upon arrival at the set sampling time and ask you questions regarding your well prior to sampling. The sampling team will ask that you remain inside during sampling and will only take samples from outside spigots. Sampling team members may arrive in separate cars and will be wearing masks and gloves. Upon completion of sampling, a team member will call you to let you know that sampling is complete and coordinate a location for the Sample ID card.*