



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH  
800 SEAL BEACH BOULEVARD  
SEAL BEACH, CA 90740-5000

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April 11, 2024

Property Owner

Parcel # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING NEAR NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH DETACHMENT NORCO**

The Navy is conducting off-base drinking water well sampling near Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Norco (Det. Norco) beginning in April 2024. The Navy is testing for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in groundwater used as drinking water wells due to past on-base use of a firefighting agent called aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF). Although this issue is not unique to the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Navy, we are conducting this sampling to proactively address possible issues that may exist from past Navy activities.

Your property is located within the sampling area near Det. Norco and based on our records review, we believe the drinking water consumed on your property, parcel # [REDACTED], located in Norco, may come from a well within the sampling area. If the drinking water consumed on your property comes from a well on your property, we would like permission to sample your drinking water. This sampling is 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.

The Navy established a policy in 2016 to address potential exposure to PFAS, including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), due to past Navy releases of PFAS containing materials. In accordance with this policy, our first priority is to identify and address drinking water wells with PFOA and PFOS concentrations above 70 parts per trillion (ppt), individually or combined, as a result of a Navy operations.

Working in partnership with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the Navy is voluntarily conducting this off-base drinking water well investigation near Det. Norco. If the Navy's sampling indicates that your drinking water well contains PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt, the Navy will provide bottled water for drinking and cooking until a long-term solution is in place.

Please complete and return the enclosed well questionnaire and right of entry authorization form prior to your sampling appointment. Enclosed please also find additional information

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regarding drinking water well sampling near Det. Norco. You may also review the project website at [www.navfac.navy.mil/DetNorco\\_Offbase\\_PFAS](http://www.navfac.navy.mil/DetNorco_Offbase_PFAS).

You are invited to attend an Open House on April 23, 2024, anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, located at 3441 Hamner Ave, Norco, California 92860. The open house will have informational displays; representatives from the Navy and CalEPA will be available to answer questions.

There are three options for scheduling a sampling appointment. You may schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment in-person at the Open House. You may also schedule an appointment by emailing [norco.pfas@jacobs.com](mailto:norco.pfas@jacobs.com) or by leaving a message at 1-855-667-2622 (1-855-NORCO CA) with your name, property address, parcel number (included above), and telephone number.

The Navy is committed to keeping you informed of the progress and results of this investigation. If you have questions, contact the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Public Affairs Office at: [nwssbpao@us.navy.mil](mailto:nwssbpao@us.navy.mil) or call and leave a detailed message at 1-855-667-2622 (1-855-NORCO CA); please include your telephone number so that a team member may return your call.

Sincerely,



J. J. O'BRIEN  
Commanding Officer

- Enclosures:
1. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
  2. Right of Entry Authorization Form
  3. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions
  4. FACT SHEET: Det. Norco Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling for PFAS