

Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions

How do I schedule the sampling? Property owners with a private drinking water within the designated sampling area can schedule a sampling appointment in person by attending the Open House on July 11, 2018, 4-7pm, at the Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, or call the Navy at 1-855-NRLCBD1 (675-2231) to schedule a sampling appointment. If you are on a community well, the Navy will request to sample the supply well at the distribution point.

How do I return the Homeowner Questionnaire? The questionnaire can be returned to the Navy at the Open House on July 11, 2018, 4 pm to 7 pm at the Northeast Community Center, located at 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, or mailed to NRL-CBD Drinking Water Investigation, c/o CH2M, 5701 Cleveland Street, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (using the self-addressed envelope). The questionnaire can also be completed and submitted on the NRL-CBD website <https://go.usa.gov/xQFuw/> or emailed to NRLCBDWATER@NAVY.MIL. Additionally, you may provide your response with your name, address, and telephone number by leaving voicemail at 1-855-NRLCBD1 (675-2231).

What are the dates and times for sampling? The sampling will be conducted over several weeks from July 13 through July 22, 2018. Sampling appointments will be available between the hours of 9 am to 6 pm during the week, 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays, and noon to 4 pm on Sundays. The sampling period may be extended as necessary. Accommodations can be made for property owners who may not be available during the regularly scheduled sampling times.

Who will be taking the sample? A team of two Navy-contracted professional environmental samplers will collect the sample. An adult resident (18 years of age or older) must be present 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, preferably from a spigot that does not receive any in-home treatment. If there is no outside access, the sample will be collected from a faucet in your home. The team will measure and record basic information about the water, and will review the homeowner questionnaire if completed.

When will I receive the results? The preliminary results of your drinking water sample are expected within several weeks 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 below the EPA health advisory levels, you will be contacted (likely by phone) and informed of these results.

All preliminary result will be validated by an independent 3rd party. The validated sample results will be provided to homeowners via letter; additionally, this correspondence will inform homeowners if and when an additional open house public meeting will be held to review the sampling results and any potential future actions, if necessary.

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.