



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON  
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WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5161

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Dear Property Owner:

Subj.: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING RESULTS NEAR NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY  
THURMONT

1. Thank you for allowing the Navy to sample your drinking water for specific per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). I am writing to you today about the results of your property's drinking water that was sampled in September 2025. PFAS were not detected at or above the DoD PFAS Interim Action Levels for Private Drinking Water Wells in the sample collected from your property.
2. Enclosures 1 and 2 provide the validated results for your drinking water sample, which was analyzed using the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water test methods 533 and 537.1. If your drinking water was sampled by the Navy prior to 2025, those results are also provided in Enclosures 1 and 2. No action is warranted by the Navy at this time.
3. In April 2024, the EPA published nationwide PFAS drinking water standards that public drinking water systems must meet by April 26, 2029. These standards do not apply to private drinking water. The Department of Defense (DoD), the parent agency of the Navy, issued a policy in September 2024 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 DoD PFAS Interim Action Levels for Private Drinking Water Wells established in the policy as provided in Enclosure 1.
4. Information about the Navy's drinking water sampling near NSF Thurmont can be found at the following website: [www.navfac.navy.mil/ThurmontSampling](http://www.navfac.navy.mil/ThurmontSampling).
5. Additional information from DoD and EPA can be found on the following websites:  
DoD: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/>  
EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

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6. Please be assured, the Navy continues to work in partnership with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Frederick County Health Department to fulfill our cleanup responsibilities. The Navy is committed to ensuring the safety of its neighbors and will keep you informed of developments that may impact you and our community.

7. The Navy appreciates your continued understanding and cooperation with its PFAS investigation. If you have any questions, please contact the Navy's Public Affairs Officer via email, [NDW\\_PublicAffairs@us.navy.mil](mailto:NDW_PublicAffairs@us.navy.mil) or leave a detailed voicemail at 833-222-3282; please include your telephone number so your call may be returned.

Sincerely,



Captain Aaron Shoemaker  
Chief of Staff  
Naval District Washington

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