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Property Owner Name  
Parcel #  
Street Address  
City, State Zip

Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING RESULTS**

Thank you for recently allowing the Navy to sample your drinking water well for specific per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). I am writing today regarding the results of your property's drinking water. The results are provided in the enclosures to this letter.

The results have been validated and they confirm that concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), both individually and combined, in your drinking water are below 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The enclosures also provide the results for other PFAS included in the drinking water test method (EPA Method 537.1) used for this investigation. The Navy is continuing its PFAS investigations of drinking water under the federal cleanup law and will keep you informed of developments.

On March 14, 2023, the EPA proposed a draft regulatory drinking water standard for certain PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS. In response, DoD has issued the following statement: "DoD respects and values the public comment process on this proposed nationwide drinking water rule and looks forward to the clarity that a final regulatory drinking water standard for PFAS will provide. In anticipation of the final standard that EPA expects to publish by the end of 2023, the DoD is assessing what actions DoD can take to be prepared to incorporate EPA's final regulatory standard into our current cleanup process, such as reviewing our existing data and conducting additional sampling where necessary. In addition, DoD will incorporate nationwide PFAS cleanup guidance, issued by EPA and applicable to all owners and operators under the federal cleanup law, as to when to provide alternate water when PFAS are present."

The Navy continues to work in partnership with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Frederick County Health Department to fulfill its cleanup responsibilities, operating within the law and authorities provided by the federal cleanup law, and clearly communicating and engaging with communities.

The Navy is committed to keeping you informed on developments that may impact you and your neighbors, and will continually update the website, [www.navfac.navy.mil/ThurmontSampling](http://www.navfac.navy.mil/ThurmontSampling), to keep the public informed.

Additional resources can be found at the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) and EPA PFAS websites. Both links are provided below:

ASN (EI&E)

[https://www.secnave.navy.mil/eie/Pages/PFAS\\_Home.aspx](https://www.secnave.navy.mil/eie/Pages/PFAS_Home.aspx)

EPA

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

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 the Navy Public Affairs office at: NDW\_publicaffairs@us.navy.mil or call and leave a detailed message at (833) 222-3282; please include your telephone number so that a team member may return your call.

The Navy appreciates your continued understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure that human health and the environment are protected.

Sincerely,

G.A DICKS  
Chief of Staff

Enclosures:

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