

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-NBKBNR (1-844-625-2647) to schedule a sampling appointment. If your drinking water is supplied by a municipality or a community system, we do not need to test your drinking water. Samples will be collected from municipal and community wells.

How do I return the Homeowner Questionnaire? The questionnaire can be returned to the Navy at the Open House on Open House on 19 February 2020, any time between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., or on 20 February 2020, any time between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Best Western Silverdale, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, Washington or mailed to: *Commanding Officer Naval Base Kitsap c/o Jacobs 1100 112th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-4504*. The questionnaire can also be completed and submitted on the NBK Bangor website, <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/NWPFAS>, or emailed to PAO_Feedback@navy.mil. Additionally, you may provide your response with your name, address, parcel number, and telephone number by leaving voicemail at 1-844-NBKBNR (1-844-625-2647).

What are the dates and times for sampling? The sampling will be conducted over two weeks from February 21 through March 1, 2020. 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 1 pm to 5 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 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 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 below the EPA health advisory levels, you will be contacted via 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 invite homeowners to an Open House in Spring 2020 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.