

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL BASE KITSAP 120 SOUTH DEWEY ST BREMERTON, WA 98314-5020

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Property Owner Name Parcel # Street Address City, State, Zip

Dear Property Owner,

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 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 provide the results for PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS included in the drinking water test methods (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] Methods 533 and 537.1). The Navy is continuing their investigation of PFAS in 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, the Department of Defense (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 EPA Region 10, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Region 10, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington State Department of Health, the Kitsap Public Health District, and the Manchester Water District 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, https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/manchesterpfas, to keep the public informed.

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

ASN (EI&E)
https://www.secnav.navy.mil/eie/Pages/PFAS_Home.aspx
EPA
https://www.epa.gov/pfas

If you have any health questions, I encourage you to contact your health care provider. If you have any further questions on the process and our next steps, please contact Sarah Lincoln, NAVFAC Northwest Public Affairs Officer at navfacnwpao@us.navy.mil or 1-855-PFAS-MCR (1-855-732-7627).

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

Sincerely,

J. W. HALE Captain, U. S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures:

- 1. Validated Results
- 2. Laboratory Report
- 3. Explanation Laboratory Report