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Date

Name
(title/company, if applicable)
Property #
Address 1 (Street)
Address 2 (Suite)
Address 3 (City, State Zip)

Dear Sir or Madam:

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER SAMPLING NEAR NAVAL BASE KITSAP
MANCHESTER

The Navy is conducting off-base drinking water well sampling near Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Manchester in June 2023. The Navy is testing for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in these drinking water wells due to past uses on-base of a firefighting agent called aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), or other PFAS-containing materials. Although this is not unique to the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Navy, we are conducting this sampling to proactively address possible issues that may exist from past Navy activity.

Your property is located within the sampling area near NBK Manchester and based on our records review, we believe the drinking water consumed on your property, **property # «parcel»**, located at **«property address»**, in **«City»**, may come from a well. If this is the case, we seek permission to sample your drinking water. This sampling would be at no cost to you.

You may schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment for your property by calling 1-855-PFAS-MCR (1-855-732-7627) and leaving a message with your name, property address, property number (included above), and telephone number.

PFAS makes up a family of thousands of different chemicals which have been widely used in many household and industrial products since the 1950s because of their stain- and water-repellent properties. Although the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started the process to establish regulatory levels for several PFAS in drinking water, there are currently no Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards or routine water quality testing requirements for PFAS. In May 2016, the EPA issued lifetime drinking water health advisories for two commonly used and studied PFAS: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). These health advisories recommended that concentrations of PFOA and PFOS, whether individually or combined, in drinking water should not be above 70 parts per trillion (ppt).

The Navy subsequently established a policy to ensure the communities near our installations are not exposed to drinking water with PFOA and/or PFOS because of a known or potential

Navy release of PFAS-containing materials. The Navy's first priority is to ensure people are not being exposed to PFOA and/or PFOS in their drinking water at concentrations above 70 ppt, whether individually or combined, as a result of a Navy PFAS release.

Working in partnership with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Region 10, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, the Washington State Department of Ecology (WA DOE), the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH), Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD), and the Manchester Water District (MWD), the Navy is voluntarily conducting this off-base drinking water well investigation near NBK Manchester. If the Navy's sampling indicates that your drinking water well contains PFOA and/or PFOS above 70 ppt, the Navy will provide bottled water for drinking and cooking. Bottled water will be provided until a long-term solution is in place.

Please complete and return the enclosed well questionnaire and access authorization form prior to your sampling appointment. Enclosed please also find additional information regarding drinking water well sampling near NBK Manchester. You may also review the project website at <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/manchesterpfas>.

You are invited to attend an Open House on June 13, 2023, anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Parkwood Community Club, located at 3045 Madrona Dr SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366. The open house will have informational displays along with representatives from the ATSDR Region 10, EPA Region 10, WA DOE, WA DOH, KPHD, MWD, and the Navy. You will also be able to schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment.

The Navy is committed to keeping you informed of this investigation. If you have questions, contact the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest Public Affairs Officer at: navfacnwpao@us.navy.mil or call and leave a detailed message at 360-340-5592; please include your telephone number so that a team member may return your call.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures:

1. Drinking Water Well Questionnaire
2. Access Authorization Form
3. PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Frequently Asked Questions
4. NBK Manchester Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling for PFAS Fact Sheet