

PFAS Drinking Water Sampling

Frequently Asked Questions

Sampling

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-NBKBNGR (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 property owner questionnaire? The questionnaire can be returned to the Navy by mail to: *Commanding Officer Naval Base Kitsap c/o Jacobs PO Box 19149, Portland, Oregon 97280*. 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.

What are the dates and times for sampling? The sampling will be conducted over 10 days from October 26 through November 4, 2020. Sampling appointments will be available between the hours of 9 am to 6 pm during the week, 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, and 1 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. 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. A member of the sampling team will call you approximately 1 hour before your scheduled appointment to confirm your appointment. You will receive a second phone call from a member of the sampling team when they are on their way to your property.

How long will the sampling take? The sampling process will take approximately 1 hour. 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, a sample will not be collected at this time, and you will be contacted to schedule a future appointment at a time when the sampling team can enter the home. The team will measure and record basic information about the water and will review the property owner questionnaire if completed.

What precautions will be taken to address COVID-19 exposure? The sampling team may arrive in separate cars. Upon arrival, a member of the sampling team will call you from the car to obtain information from you, including the location of the closest spigot to your well, you will not need to meet the team in person. Any locked areas requiring access for sampling should be unlocked prior to the sampling team's arrival. The sampling team will be wearing masks and gloves, and only one member of the sampling team may collect the sample; the second member may remain in the car and will assist with documentation of sampling via telephone. The sampling team will not enter your home to collect a sample. Upon completion of sample collection, a member of the sampling team will call you to let you know that sampling is complete and will leave a card at an agreed-upon location with your unique sample identification number.

Results

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 contact you via telephone to 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 telephone and informed of these results.

All preliminary results will be validated by an independent 3rd party. The validated sample results will be provided to property owners via letter within 90 days of completion of the sampling.

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.