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PRESS RELEASE

Navy Receives Validated Drinking Water Test Results for NAS Corpus Christi, OLF Waldron and NAS Kingsville

Corpus Christi, Texas – Validated drinking water test results have indicated all are below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) of 70 parts per trillion (PPT) for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. All property owners have been notified of the validated results.

The Navy voluntarily began testing the private drinking water wells within identified areas around Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Outlying Field (OLF) Waldron and NAS Kingsville in February as part of its commitment to ensuring local drinking water supplies are not impacted by past Navy use of chemicals aboard the bases. This is part of Navy's ongoing testing of drinking water that is currently taking place at and near Navy installations across the nation.

Sampling status for NAS Corpus Christi, OLF Waldron and NAS Kingsville:

NAS Corpus Christi Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling Status as of April 10, 2020					
Properties Sent Request to for Sampling	Samples Collected	Preliminary Results Received	Validated Results Received	Preliminary Results Received above the health advisory	Validated Results Received above the health advisory
6	2	2	2	0	0

OLF Waldron Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling Status as of April 10, 2020					
Properties Sent Request to for Sampling	Samples Collected	Preliminary Results Received	Validated Results Received	Preliminary Results Received above the health advisory	Validated Results Received above the health advisory
99	28	28	28	0	0

NAS Kingsville Off-Base Drinking Water Sampling Status as of April 10, 2020					
Properties Sent Request to for Sampling	Samples Collected	Preliminary Results Received	Validated Results Received	Preliminary Results Received above the health advisory	Validated Results Received above the health advisory
32	40	40	40	0	0

Anyone living in the designated area that would like to request to have their private drinking water well tested should contact 833-737-7267.

PFAS are man-made chemicals persistent in the environment that are not absorbed well in soil and could migrate to groundwater. PFAS have been used for many years to make products that resist heat, stains, grease and water, and have been used in a variety of products and substances, such as non-stick pans; water resistant textiles and sprays with water resistant properties.

In May 2016, the EPA issued LHA levels for two PFAS, specifically perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), at 70 PPT, individually and combined if both are present. While there are no EPA regulations for these compounds, the EPA established these LHA levels to offer a margin of protection for all Americans throughout their life from potential adverse health effects resulting from exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.

The most common historical Navy use of these chemicals has been firefighting foam (AFFF) used on Navy installations. AFFF is the most effective way to put out petroleum-based fires, such as an aircraft accident.

In June 2016, the Navy issued a policy to identify areas of potential release of these materials to the environment. As part of this policy, the Navy tested for PFOS and PFOA in and around NAS Corpus Christi, OLF Waldron and NAS Kingsville.

If you have any question, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 361-961-2674 for NAS Corpus Christi and OLF Waldron and 361-516-6500 for NAS Kingsville:

More information about the Navy's PFAS initiative and drinking water testing program may be found at:

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_corpuschristi.html for NAS Corpus Christi and OLF Waldron and for NAS Kingsville at:

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_kingsville.html.

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