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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- The DHHS “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs) document will be updated on Wednesday 6/17/15, prior to the community meeting presenting the first batch of PFC test results. The FAQs and more information about PFCs and the Pease Tradeport Testing Program can be found on our website: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Testing Process:

- As of Friday 6/12, 433 persons have submitted blood specimens for testing.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory is testing for nine PFC compounds, including PFOS and PFOA.
- On Wednesday June 17th, we will begin mailing out test results for the first 100 persons tested who have sent back forms indicating how they want results reported back (all nine PFC results or just PFOS and PFOA).
- We will begin shipping additional blood samples to the CDC lab this week for testing for those individuals from whom we have received back consent forms and letters.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- DHHS along with the Community Advisory Board will present on the first batch of test results to the community on Wednesday June 17th, from 6:00–9:00 pm at the Department of Environmental Service’s Portsmouth office, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Meeting Room A. This meeting is open to the public.
- DHHS is sending a letter to healthcare providers notifying them of the release of PFC test results and providing further information about PFCs.

Any persons with questions about the testing program can call the DHHS Public Inquiry line Monday – Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, at 603-271-9461.