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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- We encourage individuals to visit our website for information about PFCs and the DHHS blood testing program. It includes links to past meetings, presentations, and a healthcare provider webinar. These resources can be found at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Testing & Reporting:

- As of Friday, 7/10/15, 471 persons have submitted blood specimens for testing.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory is testing for nine PFCs, including PFOS and PFOA.
- We sent a letter to participants asking for their reporting preference of test results for just PFOS and PFOA or for the panel of nine PFC results. We cannot send participant blood samples to the CDC lab for PFC testing until we receive this information.
- Ten individuals, including six adults and four children, have not yet responded regarding their reporting preference.
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- We are continuing to send participants' blood samples to the CDC lab for PFC testing as we receive back consent forms and letters indicating reporting preference of results. Additional blood samples will be sent to the CDC lab this week.
- Results will be reported back to individuals as they are received.
- We are working to identify additional resources to continue blood testing for PFCs for individuals who worked or attended childcare facilities on the Pease Tradeport prior to the contaminated Haven well being shut down in May 2014. Individuals who have not yet been tested but still want to know their blood PFC level are encouraged to call the DHHS Public Inquiry Line at 603-271-9461, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The next Community Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for July 15th. The agenda can be found at: <http://cityofportsmouth.com/CommunityAdvisoryBoardHavenWell.html>
- 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.