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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- DHHS and the CAB will host a community meeting to present a summary of and discuss test results for children 11 years of age and younger on Wednesday September 9th, at 6:00 pm at the NH Department of Environmental Service's Portsmouth office, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Meeting Room A. This meeting is open to the public, and we encourage parents to attend and ask questions or voice concerns.
- Individuals should 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:

- DHHS and the CAB have resumed PFC testing until October 16th for individuals who missed the initial testing and who may have consumed contaminated drinking water on the Pease Tradeport. This will be the final round of testing in order for DHHS to analyze the results and present the community with a final summary report of the entire PFC testing program.
 - Individuals who called DHHS already and were placed on the waiting list for testing will be receiving a call from DHHS to obtain further information to begin the testing process.
 - Individuals *who have not been tested and are not on the waiting list*, but still want to know their blood PFC levels can call the DHHS Public Inquiry Line at 603-271-9461, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm.
 - Children whose mothers consumed the water at the Pease Tradeport before May 2014 while they were pregnant and/or breastfeeding are also eligible for testing.
 - Mailing of lab requisition forms for participants in this new round of testing will begin this week.
- The blood test results for all participants in the first round of testing have been mailed.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- For information on past and future public meetings, please visit the City of Portsmouth website 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.