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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- Information about PFCs and the DHHS blood testing program, including past presentations, can be found on the DHHS website at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>.

Testing & Reporting:

- DHHS has resumed PFC testing for individuals who missed the testing in April–May 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 would like 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.
- Anyone interested in having their blood tested for PFCs should contact the DHHS Public Inquiry Line by October 2nd to allow for time to process the necessary paperwork.
- Participants who request testing have until October 16th to get their blood drawn.
- Since testing resumed, a total of 954 persons have indicated interest in blood testing for PFCs; this includes 685 adults and 269 children.
- Questionnaires and consent forms are being mailed. DHHS has received back 381 questionnaires and consent forms as of Friday 9/18/15.
- DHHS is discussing with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) their capacity to test additional samples, and DHHS is working to secure an agreement with an additional lab to conduct testing due to the large number of samples expected.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The next Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting is scheduled for October 14th in Portsmouth. 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.