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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- Information about PFCs and the NH Department of Health and Human Services (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:

- The PFC blood testing program registration and blood draw phase has ended.
- 300 of the blood samples from the second round of testing have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab for analysis.
- A contract was finalized last week with AXYS Analytical Services to test blood samples from the second round of testing for PFCs.
- DHHS is still working to establish a second agreement with an additional lab to conduct PFC blood testing on the remaining submitted blood samples.
- We will begin sending batches of blood samples to AXYS after the Thanksgiving holiday, and we anticipate beginning to mail test results back to participants in early 2016. Results will be mailed to participants as they are received by DHHS.
- We are establishing a timeline for the reporting of individual results and expect to update the community soon.
- DHHS will issue a final report on the testing program once all the test results have come back and been analyzed.
- For individuals who missed the DHHS PFC blood testing program but would still like to know their blood PFC levels, we are actively working to develop a process for individuals to get their blood tested on their own or through their primary care providers. When that process has been identified, we will make this information available to the community and healthcare providers.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The Air Force is putting together a Restoration Advisory Board for Pease and is accepting applications: www.afcec.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151028-049.pdf.
- For information about the Community Advisory Board (CAB), CAB meetings, and other public meetings, please visit the City of Portsmouth website at: <http://cityofportsmouth.com/CommunityAdvisoryBoardHavenWell.html>.