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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 registration and blood draw phase of the PFC testing program has ended.
- Approximately 1,100 individuals had their blood drawn in the second round of testing.
- No single lab has the capacity to test all the blood samples in a reasonable amount of time. In addition to continued support from and participation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lab, the NH DHHS has finalized an agreement with a second lab and is working to finalize an agreement with a third lab to accommodate all the PFC blood testing.
- The CDC lab is currently testing the first 300 blood samples in this the second round.
- We will be shipping an additional 300 blood samples to AXYS Analytical Services this week, with planned shipment of an additional 400 samples to AXYS Analytical next week (total 700 samples going to AXYS Analytical).
- DHHS is working to finalize an agreement with a third lab to conduct PFC blood testing on the remaining approximately 100 blood samples. We anticipate finalizing an agreement with the third lab within the next 1-2 weeks.
- We anticipate beginning to mail test results back to participants in early 2016. Individual results reports will be created and mailed to participants as the results are received by DHHS.
- We are establishing a timeline for the reporting of individual results and expect to update the community once the contract with the third lab is approved and the process of shipping the blood samples can begin.
- Once all test results from this second round of testing have been sent to participating individuals, DHHS will issue a final report on the testing program and hold a community meeting to discuss the final report and the testing program as a whole.
- 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 identify laboratories and obtain information about where 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](http://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>.