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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>.
- A short video by Dr. Alan Woolf of Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital on PFCs and children is available on the DHHS website.

Testing & Reporting:

- October 16th was the deadline for people to have their blood drawn if they consumed contaminated water on the Tradeport and wanted to be tested.
- DHHS is working with the laboratory at Portsmouth General Hospital to accommodate some participants who called by the October 2nd registration deadline but experienced delays in processing their requests due to the heavy volume of calls to the Public Inquiry line. Participants whose consent forms and questionnaires were received prior to the testing deadline but experienced a delay in processing have been given permission to have their blood drawn through Friday, Oct 23rd by 1:00 PM.
- In this second phase of testing, a total of 1,433 persons have indicated interest in blood testing for PFCs; this includes 1,103 adults and 330 children.
- DHHS sent out 899 adult and 296 child lab requisition forms as of Friday, 10/16/15, to individuals who had returned their questionnaire and consent forms.
- 300 blood samples from this second phase of testing have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab for analysis.
- DHHS is working to secure an agreement with an additional lab to conduct testing due to the large number of samples expected, and the inability of any single lab to accommodate all the testing.
- DHHS will issue a final report on the testing program once all the test results have come back and been analyzed.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- A Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was held on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth with presentation by the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). For information on this and other 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.