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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:

- 1,104 individuals have had their blood drawn in the second round of testing.
 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory is currently testing the first 300 blood samples from this second round.
 - 700 blood samples have also been shipped to AXYS Analytical Services.
 - An agreement to have a California State biomonitoring laboratory conduct PFC blood testing on the remaining ~100 blood samples was finalized last week. These remaining blood samples will be sent to the California laboratory the first week in January to avoid complications with shipping over the holiday season.
- Individual result reports will be created and mailed to participants as the results are received.
 - We anticipate beginning to receive and mail test results from AXYS and CDC laboratories in January.
 - All test results from the CDC should be mailed out by February.
 - Test results from AXYS will be mailed in batches as they are received by DHHS; we anticipate that all test results from AXYS will be mailed to participants by March 2016.
 - The results of the final ~100 samples from the California laboratory should be reported back to participants by the beginning of April 2016.
- 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, DHHS has identified two laboratories that offer testing to individuals through their primary care providers. Information about their testing process, panel of PFCs tested, and pricing can be obtained by calling the numbers listed below and/or visiting their website:
 - Vista Analytical Laboratory (phone: 916-673-1520, website: www.vista-analytical.com): offers testing for a panel of PFCs, including PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, and PFNA.
 - NMS Laboratory (phone: 866-522-2206, website: <http://www.nmslabs.com>): offers testing for PFOA.