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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 our website at http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/investigation-pease.htm.
- The ATSDR has a website with information about the Pease Tradeport PFC situation at http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/pease/index.html.
- ATSDR has put together a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to participate in ATSDR’s health activities. Read more at http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/pease/cap.html.
- The first CAP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm at Portsmouth City Hall; DHHS will be in attendance.

Testing & Reporting:
- The Pease Testing Program update is being posted to inform the community about recent activities now that the testing is complete and all individual results have been sent to testing participants.
- 1,107 individuals had their blood drawn in the second round of testing.
  - 300 samples were sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory.
  - 700 samples were sent to AXYS Analytical Services.
  - 107 samples were sent to the California state biomonitoring laboratory.
- The data from the blood testing results and questionnaires has been reviewed and organized into an analyzable dataset, and we continue to work on analyzing the data.
- When the dataset has been fully analyzed and the results have been written into a final report, DHHS will then present the findings at a community meeting. We will announce the date when it is set.
- For individuals who missed the DHHS PFC blood testing program and are interested in getting tested on their own, DHHS has identified two laboratories that offer testing to individuals through their primary care providers. More information on private testing options is available at http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/investigation-pease.htm.
- For questions, please call the public inquiry line at 603-271-9461.
- The next Pease Testing Program update will be released when there is more information about when we anticipate releasing the final report and holding a community meeting.