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Commissioner Melanie Loyzim
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RE: Former NAS Brunswick Mere Creek Golf Course well PFAS results

Dear Commissioner Loyzim,

We are in receipt of the Department's letter of February 27th, 2025 from Iver McLeod regarding the result of the January 23rd sampling of the private drinking water well at the Mere Creek Golf Course. The result of 33.1 ng/l exceeds Maine's interim standard for PFAS of 20 ng/l, USEPA's PFOS MCL of 4 ng/l and DoD's 12 ppt criterion for initiating removal actions to address residential wells impacted from DoD activities. It is also notable that this recent result is approximately 50% higher than previous results from Navy samples taken in 2015 and 2021 at that same location.

As Mr. McLeod's letter indicates, there are several private residential wells within 1000' of the Mere Creek Golf Course well along Harpswell Road. It is highly unlikely that the DoD will act quickly to sample those wells, therefore the Town urgently requests that the Maine DEP step in and immediately conduct sampling to determine if those wells have been impacted.

In addition, given the general lack of information regarding groundwater flow and PFAS contamination in groundwater along the western portion of the former BNAS property noted in Mr. McCleod's February 27th letter, we also request that the monitoring well at the former Quarry adjacent to Harpswell Road also be immediately sampled, as well as any other monitoring wells which may be near this western boundary. The only known PFAS result from the Quarry monitoring well is from 2014, which was prior to significantly improved detection limits. Sampling at this location, and others along the western boundary, would provide us with some indication to assess if any other private residential wells may be impacted south of where the Brunswick Topsham Water District public water line ends on Harpswell Road.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this very urgent matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and planned follow-ups so I can convey this information to the Town Council leadership and the public.

Sincerely,

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