

***Testing Results of Mere Creek Golf Course Well by MaineDEP***

***Statement of Daniel Stevenson***

On February 27, 2025, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection sent a letter to Navy Facilities BRAC Office notifying it of elevated concentration of the sum of 6 regulated PFAS contaminants (33.1 ng/L) of a drinking water well serving the Mere Creek Golf Course exceeding the Maine's interim standard for PFAS of 20 ng/L. MaineDEP noted in its letter that the source of the PFAS in the well is currently unknown. The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority owns the Mere Creek Golf Course and leases that facility to the Harris Golf Company.

In the letter, MaineDEP noted the general "lack of information regarding groundwater flow and PFAS concentrations in groundwater in this part of the base, and especially in the golf course well" and that it expects the Navy to add this area to the base wide PFAS remedial investigation. DEP also reported that there are several residences within 1,000 feet from the golf course and that it is necessary for the Navy to sample those wells also.

As new Executive Director of MRRA, I have been in contact with Rachelle Knight, the BRAC Environmental Coordinator for BRAC in support of MaineDEP's testing and groundwater monitoring efforts. Ms. Knight reported that the Navy is currently updating its drinking water sampling and analysis plan. Once complete, the Navy will resample the golf course well. Based on the results of that sampling, the Navy will evaluate the PFAS conceptual site model including groundwater data to determine the source of the contamination.

I have also directed that MRRA purchase and install a PFAS water filtration system for the Golf Course Club House prior to the golf course opening for the season.

I have been in continual communication with Brunswick Town Manager Julia Henze to coordinate efforts to support the well testing and groundwater monitoring plan proposed by MaineDEP and the notification and testing of the adjacent private wells identified by MaineDEP.

I will also be reaching out to the Navy to encourage them to expand their investigation as requested by MaineDEP to include further testing in Mere Brook and Stream, both on and upstream of Brunswick Landing as it enters our campus.

Additionally, I will be working closely with the local community, our businesses, residents of Brunswick Landing and neighbors to ensure they are informed of any updates regarding the testing and monitoring process. It is crucial that all stakeholders are kept in the loop to maintain transparency and address any environmental concerns promptly. It is critical that we prioritize the health and safety during this process.

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