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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Base Guam
To: Building Occupants

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1. The safety and health of personnel within the U.S. Naval Hospital property is our top priority. Accordingly, I am informing you of the results of the drinking water testing for well NRMC-1 located on U.S. Naval Hospital property. This sampling was conducted in July 2020 in response to the March 2020 Secretary of Defense Policy for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Department of Defense owned water systems. Based on the sampling results, the total combined Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) parameter tested at 75.5 parts per trillion (ppt) which is above the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lifetime Health Advisory (HA) level of 70 ppt. The EPA HA level is the health based concentration above which action should be taken to reduce exposure to PFOS and PFOA.
2. While the EPA does not enforce HA levels, Navy policy requires taking action with additional testing and corrective measures if a PFAS sample exceeds the HA in a Navy drinking water system. As our first immediate response, we will be removing the well from use in the drinking water system and provide drinking water from our Fena surface water reservoir until these levels can be reduced below the HA. In addition, another drinking water sample will be collected on Friday, September 4, 2020 to confirm these testing results and to further assist in the evaluation process.
3. I know this issue will generate more questions than this letter can answer. Ordinarily, we would host an Open House public meeting to present this information and allow you to discuss your questions and concerns with our team. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Navy believes that holding a public meeting is not safe at this time. As such, we have attached links to information that will also be posted on the CNIC website for Naval Base Guam. If you have questions, we encourage you to contact our environmental point of contact, Mr. Edward Moon, Installation Environmental Program Director at (671) 339-4100 or by email at edward.moon@fe.navy.mil.
4. Below is a link to the EPA Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFOS and PFOA that provides some additional resources you may find informative:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>
5. If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider or our medical representative LTJG Peter Roche, at (671) 339-4062, or by email at peter.m.roche.mil@mail.mil, at the U.S. Naval Hospital.

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6. In addition, you can learn more about the Navy's PFAS comprehensive strategy at:
<https://www.secnav.navy.mil/eie/pages/pfc-pfas.aspx>

7. Rest assured that my team and I will be working diligently to find a way to address PFAS in drinking water, and in the interim we will continue to supply an alternate drinking water source. I am committed to the safety and health of all personnel using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.

H. E. SHOLLEY
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