The U.S. Navy is hosting a public information session on August 27, 2014, at William Tennent High School to share information with the public on actions taken in response to the identification of perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) in drinking water at public and private water wells near the Former Naval Air Warfare Center Warminster (NAWC), Pennsylvania. Representatives from the Navy will be joined by representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Warminster Municipal Authority. These agencies are working together to address this issue.

Perfluorinated compounds, including perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), have been identified in groundwater and drinking water near the former NAWC. These compounds are used in many consumer products and are often associated with the use of fire-fighting foams such as those historically used at the former NAWC. Samples taken recently in public drinking water supply wells located near NAWC by the Warminster Municipal Authority showed levels of PFOS above EPA’s provisional health advisory level (HAL). In response, two public drinking water supply wells have been taken off line, and EPA is sampling privately owned wells, on behalf of the Navy, to take additional actions if needed to protect human health.

The session will be an Open House format with multiple information displays manned by the various agency representatives, who will be available to talk one-on-one with residents and answer questions about PFOA and PFOS. Residents are encouraged to attend anytime between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact (215) 897-4900 or visit this website: http://www.bracpno.navy.mil/brac_bases/northeast/former_warfare_center_warminster.html

Wednesday, August 27, 2014
5 to 9 p.m.
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