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March 14, 2025

Commissioner Melanie Loyzim
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
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RE: Former NAS Brunswick Mere Creek Golf Course well PFAS results

Dear Commissioner Loyzim,

We, the Brunswick delegation, are writing to urgently request that the Department of Environmental Protection take immediate action and conduct sampling on the residential wells around the Mere Creek Golf Course and along Harpswell Road. Per the letter from Iver McLeod, we have become aware that the PFAS levels of the well water on the course have tested to 33.1 ng/l, a result that far exceeds the 20 ng/l standard. Additionally, the amount exceeds the DoD's 12 ppt criterion for initiating removal actions to address residential wells impacted. This result is incredibly concerning because it is approximately 50% higher than the results collected from the Navy in 2015 and 2021.

As we know you are well aware, the significance of these test results is heightened by the foam spill that occurred in the Brunswick Executive Airport over the summer. To this day, members of our community remain concerned about this incident's potential long-term health and environmental impacts. Conducting further testing on the well water of the residential homes long the golf course and along Harpswell Road will go a long way to help address these concerns and reassure residents that they have the support of the Department.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Best,

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Representative Cheryl A. Golek
District 99
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Matthea Daughtry
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MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

March 17, 2025

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Re: Former NAS Brunswick, Mere Creek Golf Course well PFAS results

Dear Ms. Knight:

I am writing to follow up on the letter sent from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) dated February 27, 2025, which detailed the results from the department's testing at Mere Creek Golf Course, located southwest of the runway at the former NAS Brunswick Superfund site. The findings indicate PFAS levels that exceed the Maine Drinking Water Standard, the Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), and the Department of Defense's criterion for initiating removal actions.

Additionally, the MEDEP letter highlighted the necessity for the Navy to incorporate the golf course into the base wide PFAS remedial investigation and to sample nearby private residential drinking water wells, some of which are within 1,000 feet of the golf course.

Last week, I received a letter from the Brunswick legislative delegation urging that MEDEP begin sampling immediately for residential wells around the golf course. I am drawing the US Navy's attention to this request because the Department believes that the Navy, not MEDEP, should sample these wells as soon as possible.

Please inform me of the Navy's plans regarding the sampling of nearby residences and the timeline for these actions. Additionally, I would appreciate confirmation that the Mere Creek Golf Course will be incorporated into the overarching base wide PFAS remedial investigation.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

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