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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ENERGY,
INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY)
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU (JOINT STAFF, J8)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (INSTALLATION
SUPPORT)

SUBJECT: Public Disclosure of Department of Defense Testing Results of Per- and
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Drinking Water Within a Covered Area

The Department of Defense (DoD) conducts sampling of drinking water both on- and off-base to ensure that potential impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) in drinking water resulting from DoD activities are identified and addressed. This policy establishes notification requirements to ensure a consistent DoD-wide approach in public disclosure of PFAS sampling results in drinking water within a covered area¹ in accordance with the requirements of Section 345² of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Specifically, the DoD will:

- Publicly disclose a final result of testing drinking water for PFAS in a covered area, regardless of whether testing is performed by the DoD or by a non-DoD entity on behalf of or pursuant to an agreement with the DoD [Section 345(a)]; and
- Provide local notification prior to any testing of PFAS in drinking water within a covered area, including testing which has not been previously publicly disclosed [Section 345(d)].

To ensure consistency in public disclosures, final results of testing for PFAS will be available on the DoD's PFAS website, managed by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment and Energy Resilience (ODASD(E&ER)). Local notification will be provided by the Components performing the planned testing.

¹ Per Section 345 of the FY2022 NDAA, the term "covered area" means an area in the United States that is located immediately adjacent to and down gradient from a military installation, a formerly used defense site, or a facility where military activities are conducted by the National Guard of a State pursuant to section 2707(e) of title 10, United States Code.

² A separate policy will address the requirements in Section 345(b) for public notification of planned PFAS testing.

Public Disclosure of Testing Results: To facilitate this effort, Components will use Attachment 1 to provide to the ODASD(E&ER) final testing results of PFAS in drinking water taken in a covered area. Components will provide final testing results received after December 27, 2021, but before the issuance of this guidance, within seven days of the issuance of this guidance and final testing results going forward within seven days of receipt. In addition, Components will provide a monthly summary of completed sampling of PFAS in drinking water within a covered area to ODASD(E&ER) by the fifth (5th) day of the following month. This information will be provided in Attachment 2.

Local Notification: Components will, prior to conducting any testing of drinking water for PFAS in a covered area (including any testing that has not been previously publicly disclosed under Section 345(b)) provide notice of the testing to:

- Managers of the public water system serving the covered area where such testing is to occur;
- Heads of the municipal government serving the covered area where such testing is to occur; and
- As applicable, the members of the restoration advisory board for the military installation where such testing is to occur.

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Attachments:
As stated

