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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- We encourage individuals to visit our website for information about PFCs and the DHHS blood testing program. It includes links to past meetings, presentations, and a healthcare provider webinar. These resources can be found at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Testing & Reporting:

- 471 persons have submitted blood specimens for PFC testing.
 - Four individuals, including two adults and two children, have not yet sent back all the paperwork and consent forms necessary for testing.
 - 100 adults have already been tested with results reported back on 6/17/15.
 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory is in the process of testing the other ~365 individuals' blood samples for a panel of nine PFCs.
- Results will be reported back to individuals as they are received. We anticipate another set of results will be reported back to DHHS in the next couple weeks. We will then need a couple weeks to compile individual reports and mail results.
- We are working with the Community Advisory Board (CAB) to help determine when, and for how long, additional testing is to be conducted. The CAB is meeting Tuesday 7/28/15 at 8:00 am to discuss this issue. We hope to resume blood testing in the next few weeks.
- Individuals who have not been tested but still want to know their blood PFC level can call the DHHS Public Inquiry Line at 603-271-9461, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The last Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was held on July 15th, with a presentation by Dr. Alan Woolf, director of the Boston Children's Hospital Environmental Medicine Program. The video recording of this meeting can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIu0cFxNcZs>
- The next CAB meeting is scheduled for July 28th to discuss further PFC blood testing of individuals not yet tested, and to discuss release of the first pediatric results. For information on past and future meetings, please visit the City of Portsmouth website at: <http://cityofportsmouth.com/CommunityAdvisoryBoardHavenWell.html>
- Any persons with questions about the testing program can call the DHHS Public Inquiry line Monday – Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, at 603-271-9461.