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Town of Coupeville Wells – Water Sample Results from the Navy

The Town of Coupeville has received the results of the water testing performed by the Navy on Town wells and at entry to distribution. The Navy's test results were very similar to the Town's independent testing. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) was not detected in any of the four wells tested or at entry to distribution. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was not detected at the three Ft. Casey wells. PFOA was detected at 61 parts per trillion (ppt) at the Keystone well and at 38 ppt at the entry to distribution.

In November, the Town of Coupeville took two water samples from the Keystone well and two samples at the entry to distribution. The Town's results revealed PFOA at 59 and 62 ppt at the Keystone well and 25 and 27 ppt at entry to distribution. The Town blends the water from the three Ft. Casey wells and the Keystone well before it enters the water treatment plant and its distribution system. Where the blended water enters the distribution system is called the entry to distribution. The variance of the Town and Navy's result at entry to distribution is likely due to slightly different pumping levels of the various wells, at the different sampling times.

The uniformity of the results received from two different sampling events, taken by two different samplers and processed at two different laboratories lend credibility to both the Town of Coupeville and the Navy's water test results. All results, at all locations, taken by both the Town and the Navy fall below the EPA's lifetime advisory level of 70 ppt. The lifetime advisory, set by the EPA, establishes a level that is intended to be safe and protective against adverse health effects for individuals consuming water for an entire lifetime. Although the EPA advisory level is not a legal requirement for public water systems, the State Department of Health encourages public water systems to follow the EPA Health Advisory for these compounds.

The Town of Coupeville will continue to work with our Public Health partners in Island County and the State Department of Health to determine what steps, if any, are needed to monitor the water provided by the Town of Coupeville.

The Navy has created a website to keep the public informed of their testing and results. The website is <http://go.usa.gov/xkMBc>. The Navy continues to test private wells in the vicinity of OLF Coupeville. You can see a map of the area being tested by going to the website, clicking on OLF Fact Sheet at the end of the page, and looking at the area shaded in purple. If you live within the purple Phase 1 area you may schedule water sampling for your residence by leaving a voice mail at 360-396-1030 or by emailing PAO_feedback@navy.mil. We encourage all private well owners in this area to take advantage of the Navy's offer to pay for the testing of your well and get the facts.