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I live in Beachwood Bay Condominiums near the Navy Base in Cutler which was former base housing. Our complex is affected by high levels of PFAS in our wells. My own well tested in the high 20s. Others in the complex had varying amounts, some well over the 70s. Any level is really unacceptable as we are only a mile from the base and the contaminant level will continue to change over time. I attended the meeting held by the Navy a couple of months ago. I asked several questions related to what they expect will happen over time relative to levels increasing and they were unable to provide an answer other than 'wait and see'. This isn't overly encouraging when you are drinking water every day out of your tap. I think if levels are to be set that are considered 'safe', honestly, is there ANY level of PFAS that is truly safe considering all that is unknown about it? I would think Maine should at least be in the ballpark as other states in the region (NH, VT, NJ) that have set the standard at 27 or less, but that is still too high in my opinion, given that I am right at that level and it will mostly likely fluctuate in the future. Personally, I think every well in our complex should be under a filtration system provided by the Navy. Who knows what other contaminants will show up in the future and be designated as harmful. We are too close to the original source of the problem and the history of our association with the base does not work in our favor. There really is no line that can be drawn that is "safe."

Thank you,
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