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I own a condo in Cutler, ME. at the site of the old Navy base. I just drilled a well in September, then discovered that the Navy had come to Cutler to test the wells, because they had contaminated the ground water with PFAS and PFOS chemicals, so the water is not safe to drink or cook with.

The Dept of the Navy has been providing drinking water to those owners who's water tested above the EPA "suggested" 70 ppt. But what about those wells that tested below the 70ppt level? If you had a well that tested at 68ppt, or 59 or even 20 ppt feel good about drinking your tap water? It's impossible to know when or where those levels could change. Many of my neighbors, who tested below the "danger level" are not drinking or cooking with their water. This affects each individual, family and community exposed to the contamination.

Individuals are at risk for serious health issues. Families have to stretch an already stressed budget to purchase safe drinking/cooking water. The local property values are diminished when word gets around that the water is not safe to drink..

If determine we need to set a maximum acceptable contamination level for what we consider "safe" drinking water, it needs to be more in line with New Hampshire (12 ppt) and Vermont (20ppt) guidelines , than the more lenient EPA suggested levels.

Please try to put yourself in our kitchens when making this decision.

Thank you.