



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF LAND REVITALIZATION & SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Dear Property Owner,

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management (RIDEM) is investigating the extent of Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in groundwater in the vicinity of known or suspected PFAS source areas. Please see the accompanying fact sheet for additional information about PFAS.

Due to known PFAS contamination on Minturn Farm Road, RIDEM would like to access your property for the purpose of collecting a drinking water sample. Samples may be collected from an outside spigot (if present).

The sampling and testing of your well water **will be provided to you at no cost** and your participation is completely voluntary. The sampling will be conducted by RIDEM personnel from Tuesday August 25th through Thursday August 27th between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. If you receive this letter after these dates, arrangements can be made for a sample at a later time. It will take no longer than 30 minutes per household. Please be advised that the results of all private well sampling will be a matter of public record, therefore, it is necessary for us to receive your permission to conduct the sampling. Please have the attached form filled out to the best of your ability and **signed** prior to sampling; the form **must** include a method of contact (email, phone number, and/or mailing address). The form may be given directly to RIDEM on the date of sampling.

Upon completion of the drinking water analysis, a copy of the laboratory report will be forwarded to you. **If your drinking water contains PFAS concentrations above the current Rhode Island Drinking Water Standard, RIDEM will coordinate the installation of a treatment system at no cost to you.** Agreement to installation of a treatment system is completely voluntary, but please be advised that homeowners will be responsible for any future operation and maintenance costs to these systems. An explanation of the treatment options and approximate associated costs will be made available to you.

This opportunity for no cost sampling and treatment system installation is available as a result of limited Federal grant funding and RIDEM strongly recommends that you take advantage of this opportunity.

If you are interested in having RIDEM sample your well, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the process, please reach out to Emily Buchanan at Emily.buchanan@dem.ri.gov or call at (401)-537-7158. If you are interested in having your property's drinking water sampled, please let RIDEM know (either by phone or email) when you are available within the provided timeframe.

Sincerely,

Emily Buchanan
Environmental Engineer I
Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Material Management