



## Are You Interested In Being A Pease Community Assistance Panel Member?

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is evaluating the public health impact of the drinking water contaminated with perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) at the Pease International Tradeport (Pease) and nearby private wells. As part of this evaluation, ATSDR will establish a Pease Community Assistance Panel (CAP).

### What is ATSDR?

ATSDR is a federal public health agency that is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ATSDR's headquarters are in Atlanta, Georgia. ATSDR's mission is to serve the public through responsive public health actions, to promote healthy and safe environments, and to prevent harmful exposures.

### What is a CAP and its Purpose?

CAP members are voluntary, unpaid individuals from the Pease community. The Pease CAP will help promote communications, relay community health and environmental concerns, and encourage community participation. The purpose of the CAP is to provide a means for the community to participate in ATSDR's public health activities related to exposures to the drinking water at Pease and make sure community concerns are addressed. ATSDR will be recruiting 6-8 members. The CAP may choose one or two independent subject matter experts to provide technical assistance to the CAP. The CAP may also include representatives from government agencies to serve as ex-officio members.

### How often will the CAP meet?

The CAP will meet approximately three times per year in Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the duration of the study. All CAP meetings are open to the public. At the end of the meeting there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

### Who is Eligible to Participate on the CAP?

ATSDR will choose CAP members who:

- Are at least 18 years of age;
- Reflect area residents various viewpoints as ATSDR understands them;
- Have an understanding or knowledge of the site, the contaminants of concern, and/or the community's health concerns;
- Have been exposed or those who are family members of someone who was exposed to the contaminated drinking water at Pease.

### How do I submit a nomination?

If you are interested in serving on the Pease CAP, please send the following information: Name, affiliation with Pease, a brief statement on why you should be selected, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to Sheila Stevens by e-mail at [ecq5@cdc.gov](mailto:ecq5@cdc.gov) no later than **March 2, 2016**.