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### **PUBLIC MEETING ON PFAS CONTAMINATION**

**Martha's Vineyard, MA:** The next public meeting to discuss PFAS contamination at the airport has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, January 30, 2019  
5:30 pm  
Airport Terminal Building

Ron Myrick from Tetra Tech will be on hand to present the findings of the initial assessment activities and the planned immediate response actions which have just been documented in a report to Mass DEP.

PFAS is a group of chemicals found in the foam the FAA requires the Airport to use to fight aircraft fires as well as other products including carpets, upholstery, food packaging, cookware, dental floss, and car washes. While Federal and State regulations do not currently require the Airport to sample for PFAS in groundwater and there are no Federal or State drinking water standards established for PFAS, the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission has chosen to be proactive and has commenced this investigation based on guidance provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Martha's Vineyard Airport is managed by the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission. It offers seasonal airline service by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and JetBlue and year 'round service by Cape Air in addition to robust general aviation facilities.

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