

November 29, 2018

Residents of Waldrons Bottom Road, Vineyard Meadow Farms Road, Charles Neck Road, Laurand Drive, and Jackson Road, in West Tisbury

Re: Martha's Vineyard Airport Groundwater Investigation PFAS Sampling Results and Investigation Plan

Dear Neighbor:

I write on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission (MVAC) to inform you that the MVAC, through its consultant Tetra Tech, initiated a voluntary investigation to assess for the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater at and around the Martha's Vineyard Airport (MVY). PFAS include compounds contained in the foam that has been required by FAA to fight aircraft fires. PFAS compounds are also commonly used in products including carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food, cookware, and other materials that are resistant to water, grease or stains. PFAS can enter the environment and impact groundwater from any of these and other sources through surface discharges or septic systems.

While federal and state regulations do not currently require the MVAC to sample for PFAS in groundwater, and there are no federal or state drinking water standards established for PFAS, the MVAC has chosen to be proactive and commenced this investigation based on guidance provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).¹

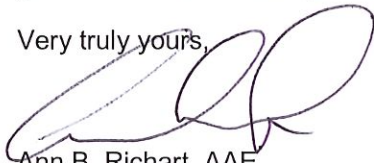
The purpose of this investigation is to evaluate the possible impact to groundwater as a result of the usage of firefighting foam for FAA-required firefighting and safety purposes at MVY. Given the very low laboratory detection limits (less than 2 parts per trillion) for PFAS, and the numerous sources from which PFAS can enter the environment, we anticipate that detectable concentrations of PFAS will be identified in most wells. The initial sampling results for three private water supply wells located just south of MVY, where the highest concentrations would likely exist, identified target PFAS compounds in wells at concentrations ranging from 45.5 to 544 parts per trillion (ppt). The 544 ppt detection in one well did necessitate reporting to MassDEP and warrants further investigation in the southerly (downgradient) direction, which has included sampling of additional wells on November 27, 2018 and will continue with additional sampling of wells over the next few weeks.

Pending our further investigation of PFAS in groundwater near MVY, and in an abundance of caution, the MVAC will provide bottled water to those homes where the detected concentrations of the five specific PFAS

¹ A copy of the MassDEP Fact Sheet for PFAS in Drinking Water (June 11, 2018) is attached for your reference.

compounds are approaching or exceed the 70 ppt guideline value. Based on MassDEP's recommendations in the attached fact sheet, you may also decide to consume bottled water while this investigation is occurring until the PFAS concentrations in the downgradient area are further understood. As discussed above, we will also continue to refine and adjust our investigation in the southerly direction and will contact you directly if we believe that sampling of your well water is recommended. If you would like to request to have your well sampled sooner or if you would like your name added to the email distribution list for updates on the investigation, please email MVAC's environmental consultant, Ron Myrick, at ron.myrick@tetrattech.com with your home address and preferred email address.

Very truly yours,



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