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#### **Well test result above EPA drinking water standard**

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md., - A private residential well in Odenton has increased levels of tetrachloroethylene (PCE), according to a second round of tests conducted by the U.S. Army.

The well water, resampled on Sept. 14 shows that one chemical, PCE, is 0.7 parts per billion above the National Primary Drinking Water Standards Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) of five parts per billion set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“Validation for this report has not been completed,” said Mick Butler, Chief of Fort Meade’s Environmental Division. “So these results are preliminary until an independent laboratory completes a review of the results.”

The residents who use the well as a primary source of water were notified of the increased levels on Sept. 22 when the Army received the results of the tests.

The residents began receiving bottled water from the Army one day before the first round of testing on July 14.

“The results from the first round were within the EPA drinking water standard, so if the residents started drinking the bottled water immediately, they haven’t consumed drinking water above the EPA standard,” Butler said.

The Army is requesting the opportunity to resample the well on a monthly basis, until the water is deemed safe to drink. To ensure safety, the Army is continuing to provide bottled water and is also monitoring adjoining properties that have PCE levels just below the EPA standard. The second round of well testing is ongoing and in addition to the residents, all test results are provided to the EPA, Maryland Department of the Environment and the Anne Arundel County Health Department.

The well testing began when increased levels of Carbon Tetrachloride, PCE and Trichloroethylene were found in two deep monitoring wells located to the southeast of the installation in the Odenton community in January.

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