On January 23rd, the U.S. Navy notified Kitsap PUD of an upcoming groundwater study they will be conducting in the area around Naval Base Kitsap Bangor. The study is to determine if PFAS, a chemical used in fire-fighting foam and other products, has leached into groundwater under Bangor. The study is part of a nationwide initiative to assess groundwater conditions on Navy bases in which these materials have been used. Tests conducted in 2014-2015 did not detect any PFAS in wells located on base. The new study will sample wells around the base to see if PFAS is present.

Kitsap PUD was contacted because we have several drinking water systems in the area.

Upon hearing of the Navy’s plans, KPUD arranged to sample two source wells we have in the area for PFAS. These wells serve the Avellana and Brianwood Water Systems. The Avellana well is marked on the map. The Brianwood well is just outside the study area and is not shown on the map. Sampling was conducted on January 29. Results won’t be available until late February.

While KPUD’s Vinland Water System is adjacent to the study area, this system is served by source wells that are far outside the study boundaries.

The Navy has scheduled two Open House Public Meetings on the study. Kitsap PUD will attend both. The meetings will be at the Best Western Silverdale, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, on February 19 from 4 PM to 6 PM and February 20 from 11 AM to 1 PM.

We will keep our customers informed on this matter as it progresses.

Key

- Off-base study area
- Avellana Well