

# RAB Community Concerns

Pease RAB meeting | 4/9/2024

- Air Force response to RAB letter and chicken egg request
- NH DES meetings x 2 in Feb
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# Letter Reactions

RAB Community letter sent to AF, NH DES, US EPA on 10/16/23

Response received on 2/16/24

RAB email sent on 11/1/23 requesting chicken egg owners be contacted with screening level information

Response received on 2/14/24

**RAB Community Reactions - to be discussed at RAB meeting**

# NH DES Meetings in Newington

NH DES hosted 2 meetings in Newington in February.

Both were recorded and available on You Tube.

**Any community members with specific concerns about their eggs, plants, fish, shellfish consumption, please contact NH DES Toxicologist , Dr Jon Petali ([Jonathan.M.Petali@des.nh.gov](mailto:Jonathan.M.Petali@des.nh.gov))**



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION: PFAS RESEARCH IN GREAT BAY

Join us for an overview of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) research conducted within the Great Bay Estuary and New Hampshire's coastal waters. This is a hybrid presentation hosted by the Environmental Health Program at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with participation from state agency staff and local university partners. The goal of this session is to share ongoing research efforts toward PFAS occurrence and the scope of these investigations, and to give researchers an opportunity learn more about community concerns.

**FEBRUARY 1, 2024  
6:00-8:00 PM**

**Newington Town Hall  
Newington, NH**

**Join us in-person or virtually.**

**Remote attendees can join by using  
this [Registration Link](#).**



### Presenting Researchers include:

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION: PFAS RESEARCH IN OUR HOMES & YARDS

Join us for an overview of efforts related to understanding the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on New Hampshire's residences, backyard gardens and other emerging topics. This is a hybrid presentation hosted by the Environmental Health Program at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with participation from state agency staff and local university partners. The goal of this session is to share ongoing research efforts toward PFAS occurrence and the scope of these investigations, and to give researchers an opportunity learn more about community concerns.

**FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
6:00-8:00 PM**

**Newington Town Hall  
Newington, NH**

**Join us in-person or virtually.**

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGZGRr\\_BETY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGZGRr_BETY)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcGPKADRvts>

# Next steps with TASC/Skeo team

## Next steps:

Skeo review ITIR, participate in a technical session with us and the AF, and have them provide comments to us. They can also host a community meeting to review what is in the ITIR to present it in simplified terms for the broader community to discuss.

\*\*\*Please note we would also like to ask the AF, NH DES, and US EPA to spend some time during the ITIR technical session that will take place in person after the ITIR is released to specifically talk about shellfish and finfish with the community and Skeo. The community is concerned there are data gaps in this area and Skeo has agreed with those concerns based on their review of documents and data so far.

## Requested Action items - emailed to EPA on 4/3/24:

- \* Host a webinar educating the RAB and community on how to access documents on the Administrative Record and NH DES One Stop. This will be recorded and made available to the community.
- \* Have Skeo review the Pease 5 year review document once published and put together a presentation about the five-year review process after the Air Force releases the final report on Pease. Skeo can help us understand the different parts of the document and what it is saying. Pease RAB community members will request to the Air Force (who is writing the document) to be interviewed as part of the 5 year process.
- \* Start working on a community involvement plan (CIP) for Pease.
- \* Have Skeo review the latest PFAS filtration & remediation technology available being used to treat PFAS in comparison to what is being used at Site 8 and AIMS and present their findings to us.

# Interim remedy email - await response

2/7/24: Email sent to Chris King asking about DoD announcement on 2/6/24 re: about additional locations for interim PFAS cleanup actions. Linked here are the [press release](#) and [announcement](#). Pease Air Force Base is listed as one of the [locations](#) in the DoD announcement.

2/7/24: Chris replied "Pease is on this list because of the ongoing interim remedial actions already in place...Site 8 IMS and the AIMS. There are no new interim actions planned for FY24 at Pease. The Air Force and BRAC are implementing new actions at other installations that are behind Pease in their response."

2/8/24: RAB replied with questions:

1. The "Interim" term is generally defined as: a temporary or provisional arrangement; stopgap; makeshift. How long would you expect the Pease PFAS cleanup or process to be considered interim/temporary/stopgap/makeshift?
2. In this case, is the Interim status a DOD or EPA/Superfund term?
3. What triggers a move from Interim status? What would the next status level be? Who makes the decision to move the project status? DOD by themselves, or in concert with the regulatory agencies?
4. Does an Interim designation provide for additional funding? In this case for more research and cleanup towards Newington and other areas of concern?
5. If the Pease PFAS cleanup is moved from an interim status to the next status level, how does that affect the cleanup effort, schedule and budget?

# Access agreements letter - did RAB & BOS letters get sent?

RAB drafted a letter to the community encouraging property owners to sign the access agreements and sent it to the Air Force on 1/27/24 to send with the agreements.

Newington BOS wrote a letter to Newington private well owners encouraging them to sign the property agreements and shared the RAB letter. Newington sent this out to private well owners on 2/13/24.

Air Force sent 27 updated access agreements the week of 2/26/24.

Did the RAB letter get sent with the access agreements that the Air Force sent?

How many access agreements have been returned so far?

# Future RAB topic - AFFF releases & monitoring

Review AFFF releases since 2014 to determine if there is an appropriate monitoring plan in place.

# Foam sample update

In April 2023, I collected 2 foam and corresponding surface water samples from or near Pease and sent them to University of Florida to be analyzed for PFAS.

Latest update 3/25/24:

**“Foam samples have been analyzed. The hold in releasing the data relates to the status of peer-review. They are in the process of submitting a manuscript for publication. It’s my understanding that as soon as the data is peer-reviewed and published it will be shared with the broader community.”**

