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Mr. Frederick Civian
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Re: MassDEP Free PFAS testing for selected private wells in Nantucket

Dear Frederick Civian:

Nantucket is pleased to be notified that our Town was selected as one of 84 statewide chosen to participate in the above referenced program. We received the information and materials attached in a July 1, 2021 letter from Ms. Jodi Lyn Cutler and Mr. Frederick Civian of the MassDEP/UMass Project Team. The community is aware of the project and looks forward to it getting started.

As you may know, the Nantucket community has had an overwhelming response to the program, with more than 200 applications submitted to MassDEP from private well owners. Our community is very engaged and actively seeking to understand where the PFAS contamination may be impacting ground water and acting to protect public health and safety.

We understand that this is a statewide sampling effort, and up to 40 private wells on Nantucket are to be selected to participate in the free testing program. My office has been asked by several in the community to inquire about the availability of greater testing resources and funding to include additional private wells beyond the 40 currently allocated. We are making this request having been told there may be some towns in the program that are not using their full allotment of tests.

Nantucket is very appreciative of the free PFAS testing program and the resources being provided to the Town and other municipalities in the Commonwealth. If there is any opportunity for Nantucket to obtain the additional testing of private wells, we hope that you may consider the community's keen desire to participate further in this program.

Sincerely,

C. Elizabeth Gibson
Town Manager