

## NANTUCKET PFAS LISTENING SESSION Q&A (August 17, 2021)

#	Topic/Question
TESTING/SAMPLING DATA	
1	Well testing is a snapshot in time – will there be ongoing testing?
2	Testing data is a snapshot in time, and there’s variance in testing data. What happens when the data varies over time – people don’t understand how the data changes, how PFAS migrates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are deemed “safe” but not “safe” really</li> </ul>
3	Inconsistency between testing among neighbors – results vary
4	Broader database of data points – more frequent/repeated surveys would show us how groundwater is traveling and changing
TESTING/SAMPLING – MUNICIPAL	
5	Can we expand the number of MA DEP sampling kits? MA is saving money – should channel those savings into more kits – sample size is small right now
6	Sludge from co-composting has PFAS – add the co-composting site to monitoring list, as well as other sampling sites
7	Interesting that the Town already going on to put money into wells near the airport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the odds that a lot of wells have issues – and this money is not going to the right place?</li> </ul>
8	Would like to see more consistent/wider scale well testing These chemicals travel – can’t have a patchy response, needs to be wider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular sampling more widely – throughout the island</li> </ul>
9	With PFAS contamination of drinking water wells and unlined cell of the landfill, want additional landfill sites to be sampled, as well as Madaket wells. Is there an avenue to add more sampling sites?
TESTING/SAMPLING – INDIVIDUAL	
10	If we applied for and didn’t win the well testing lottery, what other resources are available? Are there other affordable options that folks can take advantage of?
11	Any programs or potential to cover the cost of testing through other means?
12	Can people pay for their own sampling (~\$400-\$2000 to self-test)? If so, what’s the avenue to do so?
13	How can we clean water in our homes?
14	Can we work with a lab to get bulk sampling/testing rates to drive down costs?
15	For folks whose wells tested <20 PPT (receiving bottled water, but no other compensation) – opportunity to give folks whose wells have PFAS additional compensation, assistance, etc.? Is the Town preparing to offer people w/ less than 20PPT any remedy when they are able to tie into Town water?
16	Is public funding available for getting wells retested?
17	Need to reduce the cost/complications for testing – need more testing, across the board – need more consistency in testing
18	We would want individual sampling to be included in the broader context and be part of the larger analysis that’s going on

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19	North of the airport – wondering how do we find out the condition of our water?
PFAS RESPONSIBILITY	
20	How will private (non-municipal) sources of PFAS be identified and addressed moving forward?
21	Are there specific commercial uses such as car washes, etc. that may be a known or potential source of PFAS that new/additional regulations should be considered to address (with regard to existing but also future development)?
22	What are the responsibilities of commercial property owners whose property activity may impact abutting residential homes re: PFAS?
23	I live in the area where a new water line is being run by the airport but have heard the airport is blaming the former Glowacki property and have yet to test my well. Will my well be tested? If there's contamination from the NW property, who will take responsibility; what's the recourse?
24	What about all of the non-municipal sources – how do we locate and address those?
25	What is the mitigation for when people find more than acceptable level of PFAS in their water? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can be done to clean up the water for household use?</li> </ul>
REGIONAL COLLABORATION/BEST PRACTICES	
26	As the Island is dealing with a lot of issues, how much should we be working with other regional/coastal communities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we work better together, instead of lots of little programs, and advocate at state level?</li> </ul>
27	What are other towns doing to address the issue in general?
28	What are other communities doing to address non-municipal sources of PFAS?
ENGAGEMENT AROUND PFAS	
29	Call to action – what should residents be doing to protect themselves and the Island into the future?
30	CDM Smith is looking at Town properties only; and all the stakeholders in the project are Town entities – want broader stakeholder engagement
31	Civic associations/neighborhood associations could get involved as well to make sure people get the info that they need and take the needed actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If it's a well-planned initiative, the Community foundation could be involved as well</li> </ul>
32	Looking for ways to easily connect with existing initiatives
33	We're proud of our progress but all these people rely on the fundamental utilities and water quality – the more information we can get to inform our group will be helpful. Housing Nantucket would like to be included in future discussions.
34	Would like broader participation in the PFAS Action Group and increased transparency
35	Would like to see a greater sense of urgency and inclusion in the PFAS workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend/increase the meetings and include folks who are incorporated into the updates</li> <li>• Want more outlets, so that we're not relying on a few people for all the information</li> <li>• There are a lot of people who don't know/understand the basics</li> </ul>

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE TOWN	
36	Town could use neighborhood associations
37	Unconventional channels – social media – different listening groups Approach different groups for suggestions
38	Human services – different languages?
39	Town does a good job posting documents – staff is helpful when documents are difficult to navigate
40	The way the Town is responding now is good – getting ahead of PFAS as much as possible
41	The Town should be very public about what they are doing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea of PFAS is worrisome</li> <li>• Where do we go to find out about it? This should be more prominent/easier to find</li> </ul>
42	Regular updates at the Select Board meetings
43	Summary to keep interested members of the public informed through the Selectman's office – regular basis
44	Use every avenue – explore different ways to make sure we're all kept informed
45	PFAS Action Group on Facebook has great information available (they show where you can go to get more information)
FIREFIGHTERS	
46	Firefighter impacts from use of foam and gear – monitoring these firefighters to ensure there is regular testing Past and current firefighters
47	What is the Town's proposal/intentions on treatment of Firefighters and EMTs that have been exposed to the firefighting foam?
OTHER COMMENTS	
48	Would like a dedicated resource with expertise in the field
49	PPM vs. PPT – would like to learn more about the difference in magnitude, and why things are measured on the scale they are.
50	What if our one aquifer is compromised?
51	Consumer Reports Director of Product Safety – the most dangerous way people are exposed is through drinking water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of us who have lived in this area have had levels that are higher over time, depending on variables</li> </ul>
52	Feel bad for people who have tested on their own and have mid/low
53	This is a great beginning. Appreciate this initiative.
COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE	
54	I live on Milestone Rd. And would like to have my water tested. How do I sign up to do that? Thank You.
55	Have these chemicals been present in Wells tested down S. Shore Rd., Folger Avenue and Field Avenue?
56	What kind of shower filter do you recommend that would remove these chemicals? thank you.

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