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Dear Customers:

The Brunswick & Topsham Water District is pleased to announce that we have entered into Phase 2 of a cooperative Agreement between the US Department of the Navy and the District to address Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the aquifer. The collaboration between the Navy and District is via an Engineering Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA).

In Phase 1 of the ESCA the District, with the help of its engineer CDM Smith, designed and bid modifications to the existing water works facility to allow for the removal of PFAS at the Jordan Avenue Facility.

Phase 2 was initiated by receiving bids for work to construct a treatment building addition for the Jordan Avenue Facility. Based on the low bid by Penta Cooperation, who had constructed the current facility in 2000, the Navy allocated \$18.5 million dollars to start Phase 2. This is on top of the \$2.254 million already allocated for Phase 1. This is an important next step in the District's commitment to providing the safest and cleanest water available to our customers.

The Navy has stated that it is committed, as evidenced by funding this next phase in the ESCA, to making the District whole for the incursion of the PFAS from the former naval air station.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of synthetic chemicals that have been used in many products since the 1950s, including: food packaging, paper products, cookware, fabrics, upholstery, carpeting, cleaning products, make-up, toothbrushes, floss, firefighting foam and medical equipment to name a few uses. They have been labeled as "forever chemicals" because they don't degrade easily in the environment due to their strong carbon-fluorine bonds. PFAS has been found in our food, water and air at varying levels. There is now a significant effort nationally to reduce exposure to these chemicals.

Please visit our website for the latest updates on this important issue.

<https://www.btwater.org/pfas>

Very truly yours,

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