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Dear Property Owner:

The Gustavus Airport was recently alerted to concentrations of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater at the airport. The Gustavus Airport used Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), a standard firefighting agent that contains PFAS, to extinguish hydrocarbon fires during training exercises, testing, and emergency events.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and Alaska Department of Administration Division of Risk Management are working with an environmental consulting firm, Shannon & Wilson Inc., and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to identify and sample private water wells near and downgradient (south) of the Gustavus airport. Samples will determine if PFAS are present above recommended levels. PFAS are emerging contaminants, and research into the health effects of exposure to PFAS is ongoing.

Results of PFAS water testing will be shared with property owners and residents. If private wells are found to have PFAS levels at concentrations higher than advised, DOT&PF will provide an alternate drinking water source.

DOT&PF, along with representatives from Shannon & Wilson, Inc., and the Alaska Departments of Health and Social Services, Environmental Conservation and Administration will be hosting an informational meeting. We encourage all interested parties to attend. We will summarize the actions taken to date and the plan for further PFAS water testing.

Meeting Location: Gustavus Public Library
14 Gustavus Road

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, August 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. will be collecting water samples from **Tuesday, August 28 to Friday, August 31**. If you have an active well and are located within the attached search areas, please attend the upcoming meeting or contact Shannon & Wilson's project manager, Kristen Freiburger, at (907) 750-0679 to schedule a sampling appointment.

For more information prior to the meeting, please visit www.alaska.gov/go/C732 or contact DOT&PF directly. We appreciate your patience as we work through this process and look forward to speaking with you.

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