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PFAS Exposure Assessment, biological sampling

Household Eligibility Screener

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Hello, I am _____ from [Insert affiliation], calling on behalf of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, or ATSDR for short. May I please speak with the head of the household?

I would like to take about 5 minutes of your time today to invite you and the members of your household to be part of an exposure assessment. The assessment will measure chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in the bodies of people living in your area. PFAS are a large group of man-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s.

ATSDR is a federal public health agency that is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). It is working to understand how people living in your area have been exposed to PFAS. This will help us determine if exposure to these chemicals is a problem in your community and it will help us to design future studies to understand how these chemicals affect people's health. To do this, we need people in this community to participate in blood and urine testing.

We are calling today because ATSDR is interested in recruiting everyone in your household who is eligible to take part in this assessment. Taking part in the exposure assessment will include signing a form agreeing to be tested, giving a blood sample, giving a urine sample, and completing a short questionnaire. ATSDR will ask questions to better understand the lab test results. The time required to participate is about 30 minutes.

ATSDR will take COVID-19 prevention measures at every step of our work in your community. Would you like me to tell you about those?

If the resident says "no", move on with the script.

If the resident says "yes", tell them the following:

The exposure assessment will be conducted following all state, local, and CDC guidelines in place at the time the EA is conducted. ATSDR team members will be monitored twice daily for fever and any COVID-19-related symptoms and will wear surgical masks and gloves to ensure the protection of participants. Similarly, participants will be monitored for fever and COVID-19-related symptoms prior to their entry into the testing facility. Participants will be asked to always wear a face covering or mask when interacting with exposure assessment personnel. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you before you enter the facility. If you are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, please let us know.

According to the Privacy Act, we will protect the private information that you provide for yourself and your family. If you enroll in the assessment, we will give you a copy of our Privacy Act Statement before we get your consent to participate.

Is it okay if I ask you a few questions to see if you and other members of your household qualify to take part in the exposure assessment?

Yes No

OK, thanks a lot. You are free to answer or not answer these questions. You can also ask me any questions you have.

If 'Yes', Screening Questions:

1. Have you or someone in your household lived in the community full time for at least one year?

Yes No Don't Know Refused to Answer

a. Of these people how many are 3 years old and older? _____

b. Do any of these people have a bleeding disorder that prevents them from giving a blood sample?

Yes No Don't Know Refused to Answer

i. If 'yes', how many? _____

****If there are people who have lived in the community for more than one year, are older than 3, and don't have a bleeding disorder, proceed to question 2.**

2. Are you and others from your household willing to participate in the exposure assessment? This will include a blood test, urine test, and answering questions from a questionnaire.

Yes No Refused to Answer

If No: Okay, thank you for your time. Goodbye.

If Yes: Thank you very much.

All members of your household who have lived in the home for at least one year, who are older than the age of 3, and who do not have a bleeding disorder will be eligible to participate. Each individual will be given the opportunity to decide for him or herself whether or not they want to participate. We will attempt to schedule your sample collection appointment now. You will receive a letter in the mail with confirmation of your appointment time and location. At your appointment, we will schedule a convenient time for you and your family to complete a questionnaire by telephone.

We have two additional questions.

While at home, do you and your family members primarily drink tap water?

Yes No Refused to Answer.

Can you please confirm the best contact information to reach you?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____