

Attachment 6 - Wave One - NH DHHS Invitation Letters for Study Roll Out

- **Attachment 6a - NH DHHS Child Invitation Letter**
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Attachment 6a – NH DHHS Child Invitation Letter

Pease Study
NH DHHS Child Invitation Letter
Flesch-Kincaid Readability Score – 8.2
(delete authority; ATSDR spelled out)

[ON AGENCY LETTERHEAD]
[DATE]

[NAME OF ADULT]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE ZIP CODE]

Subject: ATSDR Pease Study – Child Recruitment

Dear [NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN]:

Under the (ATSDR) to study if exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water might affect human health. Thus, ATSDR is conducting the Pease Study (CDC Protocol No. 7161).

ATSDR will recruit 1,000 adults and 350 children who took part in the NH DHHS Pease Biomonitoring Program. Adults must be 18 years or older. Children must be 4 to 17 years old. If ATSDR does not meet its sample size goals, it may recruit people who were eligible for but did not take part in the Biomonitoring Program. ATSDR is limiting this part of the study to people who drank water from Pease from 2004 to May 2014.

ATSDR wants to know if comparing Pease to an outside group will make the study results stronger. ATSDR will include about 100 adults and 175 children from Portsmouth, NH. ATSDR selected Portsmouth because its citizens are very similar to those in Pease. Portsmouth does not have PFAS in its water supply.

Our records show that your child may be eligible take part in the Pease Study. If you and your child are interested, please call ATSDR directly to volunteer at [study telephone number].

Please be assured that ATSDR and its contractor, Abt Associates, will take all necessary steps to protect members of your community from COVID-19. The Pease Study will be conducted following all state, local, and CDC guidelines in place at the time the study is conducted. Pease Study team members will be monitored twice daily for fever and any COVID-19-related symptoms and will wear 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 study office and will be asked to wear a face covering or mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.

For questions about this research study, please call the ATSDR study lead, Dr. Frank Bove, at [study telephone number]. Please leave a message with your name, a telephone number, or an address.

Thank you for your interest.

Benjamin P. Chan, MD
State Epidemiologist
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Attachment 6b – NH DHHS Adult Invitation Letter

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[ON AGENCY LETTERHEAD]
[DATE]

[NAME OF ADULT]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE ZIP CODE]

Subject: ATSDR Pease Study – Adult Recruitment

Dear [NAME OF ADULT]:

Under Section 8006 of the 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress authorized the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to study if exposure to per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water might affect human health. Thus, ATSDR is conducting the Pease Study (CDC Protocol No. 7161).

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