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This report is terribly inadequate.

- It suggests that local taxpayers should absorb the cost of dealing with PFAS contamination, though local government actions are not the reason for the contamination. The Navy should bear those costs.
- Further, it suggests that since replacement products are poorly understood, we should continue to tolerate PFAS contamination. Yet we understand PFAS and their dangers more than well enough to ban them now. A ban would also jump-start the search for replacements.
- The plan also seems to suggest that rather than testing for the presence of PFAS in water supplies, public health should instead increase opportunities for citizens to participate in studies of the damage PFAS do to them. This is absurd.

These things have been proven to be dangerous. They should be banned immediately, and the Navy should pay the costs of eliminating them from our water and treating those citizens who have already been damaged by PFAS.

Yours,

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