

**SHAHEEN FOR SENATE**  
**“POISON”**  
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| <p>ANDREA AMICO: “The wells at Pease were contaminated. It turned out it was toxic PFAS chemicals.”</p> <p><i>O/S: ANDREA AMICO / PORTSMOUTH</i></p> | <p><b>In May 2014 It Was Discovered That PFAS Chemicals Were Contaminating Water Wells At The Former Pease Air Force Base; PFAS Chemicals Are A Suspected Carcinogen And Can Harm Childhood Development, Increase Cholesterol, Hurt The Immune System And Interfere With The Body’s Hormones.</b> “PFAS are man-made chemicals used in products worldwide since the 1950s, including firefighting foam, non-stick cookware and water-repellent fabrics. They also have a range of applications in the aerospace, aviation, automotive and electronics industries, among others In addition to being a suspected carcinogen, the ATSDR states PFAS exposure can harm childhood development, increase cholesterol levels, hurt the immune system and interfere with the human body’s hormones. The contamination at the former Pease Air Force Base was discovered in May 2014. The chemicals are linked to firefighting foam used at the base.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">10/11/19</a>]</p>   |
| <p>ANDREA AMICO: “My husband worked at Pease. My two children attended daycare there. My heart sank. I was frightened.</p>                           | <p><b>Thousands Of People Working At Pease, Along With Children And Infants Who Attended Two Days Care There, Were Exposed To Multiple PFAS Chemicals From A Contaminated Water Well There.</b> “Thousands of people working at Pease International Tradeport, along with children and infants who attended two day cares there, were exposed to multiple PFAS chemicals from contaminated water in the city-owned Haven well until its closure in 2014.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">10/11/19</a>]</p>  |
| <p>ANDREA AMICO: “Jeanne Shaheen was fearless. She took on the Defense Department and she made sure the wells were being treated.”</p>               | <p><b>Foster’s Daily Democrat: The Air Force Announced It Would Conduct An Occupational Health Study At Pease, Which Shaheen Pushed For In Order To Study The Health Impacts Of PFAS Chemical Exposure At The Former Air Base.</b> “Officials at the 157th Air Refueling Wing of the Air National Guard at Pease announced that the Air Force will conduct ‘an occupational health study at the base’ beginning this year. [...] The study will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine’s Epidemiology Consult Service with assistance from the Air National Guard surgeon general. The study comes in response to concerns raised by Doris Brock and a group of other widows of men who served at the guard base and the former Pease Air Force base. They believe guardsmen who worked at the base have suffered an unusually high number of cancers and other health ailments. Those cancers and other health concerns were caused by exposure to dangerous PFAS chemicals in drinking water and other known carcinogens they were exposed to, Brock and the other widows believe. [...] Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and the state’s congressional delegation have pushed for the Air Force to study the health impacts of chemical and other exposures airmen may have been exposed to at the base. ‘Our service members, veterans and their families deserve answers about the health implications of their exposure to potentially harmful chemicals and carcinogens,’</p> |

Shaheen said Saturday. 'I'm pleased that the Air Force has finally reached an agreement with the 157th Air Refueling Wing at Pease so that this study can get underway.'" [Foster's Daily Democrat, [1/13/20](#)]

**The Department Of Defense Created A New Task Force To Address PFAS Contamination, Which Shaheen Had Pushed The DOD To Create.** "There's a new effort to address drinking water contamination from chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, at military bases and in nearby communities. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hampshire) on Wednesday announced that the Defense Department is establishing a new task force. The announcement comes just days after Defense Secretary Mark Esper pledged during his confirmation hearing that he would prioritize combating PFAS and establish a task force. Shaheen said confronting the issue requires a multifaceted approach that includes ending exposure, remediating contaminated sites and accelerating research and development of fluorine-free firefighting foam. She said affected families also need answers about the potential of health implications related to exposure to PFAS. 'I'm pleased to see Secretary Esper taking initial steps towards his commitment to me in his confirmation hearing to better address PFAS contamination,' said Shaheen." [WMUR, [7/24/19](#)]

**July 2018: Shaheen Toured A Water Treatment Plant Being Run By The Air Force At The Former Pease Air Base That Was Cleaning Up PFAS Chemical Contamination In The Groundwater.** "U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen got a tour Friday morning of the state-of-the art \$9.3 million treatment plant at the former Firefighting Training Area at the former Pease Air Force Base. The system is one of the first of its kind in the country, according to Stephen TerMaath, chief of the BRAC Program Management Division of the U.S. Air Force. The pump-and-treat system is not only cleaning up the highly contaminated groundwater at the site, but it will help prevent water contaminated with PFAS chemicals from endangering residential wells in Newington, he said Friday during a tour of the facility, which was held for Shaheen and area media representatives. The roughly \$9.3 million used to build the plant, which began operations in April, is part of the estimated \$35 million to \$40 million the Air Force has spent in total to clean up contamination at the former Pease Air Force Base, he said. The former base, which is now home to the Pease International Tradeport, is a Superfund cleanup site. [...] Shaheen noted the community benefits from having 'one of the first treatment facilities in the country to address this problem.' [...] 'We've got some history that has allowed us to hopefully get ahead and deal with the problem early,' Shaheen said, adding that will allow Pease "to serve as a model for the rest of the country.'" [SeacoastOnline, [7/27/18](#)]

**Shaheen Secured A Provision In The FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act To Phase Out The Use Of PFAS Chemicals In Department Of Defense Firefighting Foams And Prohibit Their Use in the Military After 2024.** "Sen. Jeanne Shaheen has secured another \$10 million in the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020 to continue the first national PFAS health study. [...] In addition to the money for the health study,

the defense bill includes a provision secured by Shaheen that would phase out the use of PFAS in Department of Defense firefighting foams and prohibit its use in the military after Oct. 1, 2024.” [SeacoastOnline, [12/11/19](#)]

**Shaheen Added The “Protecting Military Firefighters From PFAS Act” To The FY2020 Defense Bill, Which Would Require The DOD To Include Blood Testing For PFAS As Part Of Routine Physicals For Military Firefighters.** “In addition to the money for the health study, the defense bill includes a provision secured by Shaheen that would phase out the use of PFAS in Department of Defense firefighting foams and prohibit its use in the military after Oct. 1, 2024. [...] Shaheen with Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, added the Protecting Military Firefighters from PFAS Act to the defense bill, which would require DoD to include blood testing for PFAS as part of routine physicals for military firefighters. Shaheen secured a provision that would ban DoD from procuring firefighting foam that contains PFAS after Oct. 1, 2022, and prohibit its use in the military after Oct. 1, 2023.” [SeacoastOnline, [12/11/19](#)]

**Shaheen Introduced The “PFAS Free Military Purchasing Act,” A Bill To Ban The Department Of Defense From Buying Products With Toxic PFAS Chemicals In Them.** “A U.S. Senate bill introduced Monday aims to prohibit the Department of Defense from buying items that contain toxic fluorinated chemicals known as PFAS, so-called ‘forever chemicals.’ Two Armed Services Committee senators, Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., introduced the PFAS Free Military Purchasing Act, which would prohibit the DOD from buying items which contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including household products, floor wax, sunscreen and other everyday items. A similar bill has been introduced in the House. ‘PFAS chemicals have found their way into not only our water systems, but also everyday supplies including food packaging, cosmetics and many other household items,’ Shaheen said in a statement. ‘This legislation would help protect our service members and their families from exposure by prohibiting the Department of Defense from procuring items that contain these harmful contaminants.’ While the bill deals with household products, toxic PFAS chemicals have also been found in firefighting foam, which the military has used for decades. The foam has been found to contaminate groundwater and well water around military bases. Recent data from the Environmental Working Group found 28 bases with PFAS levels in drinking water at levels above some state standards. Shaheen authored a provision in government funding legislation last year banning the toxic foam after 2024.” [Stars and Stripes, [7/1/20](#)]

**Seacoast Online Headline: Sen. Shaheen Pushes For PFAS Testing For Military Members.** [SeacoastOnline, [6/9/20](#)]

- **Shaheen Introduced Legislation To Provide For Annual Blood Tests For Current And Former Service Members Who Served At Military Bases Contaminated By Dangerous PFAS Chemicals.** “U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen introduced legislation to provide for annual blood tests for service members and former service members, who served

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|   | <p>at military bases contaminated by dangerous PFAS chemicals. The former Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth and Newington is one of more than 600 military installations in the United States that have been contaminated by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The chemicals are more commonly known as forever chemicals. Shaheen’s legislation, the PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act, would provide for current and former service members to get their blood tested for PFAS chemicals during their annual periodic health assessment (PHA). The legislation would also allow for dependents of a service member who is or was stationed at an installation affected by PFAS contamination to get a PFAS blood test covered under TRICARE – the military health insurance plan.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">6/9/20</a>]</p> <p><b>March 2019: Shaheen Questioned Acting Secretary Of Defense Shanahan And Chairman Of The Joint Chiefs Of Staff General Dunford About The Pentagon Trying To Weaken Standards For Groundwater Pollution Caused By PFAS Chemicals, Which Shanahan Said He Was Not Aware Of But Would Look Into “Very Quickly.”</b> “Facing billions of dollars in cleanup costs, the Pentagon is pushing the Trump administration to adopt a weaker standard for groundwater pollution caused by chemicals that have commonly been used at military bases and that contaminate drinking water consumed by millions of Americans. [...] Patrick M. Shanahan, the acting secretary of defense, was asked about the matter on Thursday during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. Mr. Shanahan told Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Democrat of New Hampshire, where there is also a military-base related contamination problem, that he was not aware if the Pentagon was trying to weaken the groundwater standard. But he said he would look into it ‘very quickly.’ Frustration is only increasing across the United States as the Trump administration moves slowly to confront the challenge.” [New York Times, <a href="#">3/14/19</a>]</p> |
| <p>JEANNE SHAHEEN: “We were able to get money for a health study.”</p> <p><i>O/S: SEN. JEANNE SHAHEEN / (D) NEW HAMPSHIRE</i></p> | <p><b>Shaheen Drafted Legislation That Created The First Ever PFAS National Health Study That Would Use Pease As A Pilot Test Site And Secured \$20 Million In Funding To Pay For The Study, Also Securing An Additional \$10 Million Authorization In The FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act.</b> “Shaheen drafted legislation that created the PFAS national study and the pilot study at Pease. She has secured \$20 million in funding to pay for the study, which is being conducted by the ATSDR. In addition, the fiscal year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which the Senate and House are now conferencing on, includes another \$10 million Shaheen secured.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">10/11/19</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>July 2020: Shaheen Successfully Added An Amendment To The FY2021 National Defense Authorization Bill Authorizing \$15 Million More In Funding For The First National PFAS Health Study.</b> “Sen. Jeanne Shaheen reported she successfully added an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes \$15 million for the first national PFAS health study. The</li> </ul>  |

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| <p>WMUR REPORT: “The Pease Tradeport is home to a first in the nation study about the impact of PFAS contaminants.”</p> <p><i>O/S: PEASE STUDY ON PFAS HEALTH EFFECTS IS LAUNCHING AND WILL HAVE NATIONAL IMPACT</i></p> | <p><b>Shaheen Drafted Legislation And Fought Successfully To Have The Pease Community Serve As The Model For The First Ever National Health Study On PFAS Chemical Exposure.</b> “Shaheen drafted legislation that created the PFAS national study and the pilot study at Pease. She has secured \$20 million in funding to pay for the study, which is being conducted by the ATSDR. [...] Previous legislation from Shaheen established the national study on the health effects of PFAS exposure in drinking water. Shaheen and Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., also fought successfully to have the Pease community serve as the model site for the national PFAS health study.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">7/22/20</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shaheen Drafted Legislation That Created The First PFAS National Health Study That Would Use Pease As A Pilot Test Site And Secured \$20 Million In Funding To Pay For It, And Secured An Additional \$10 Million Authorization For The Study In The FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act.</b> “Shaheen drafted legislation that created the PFAS national study and the pilot study at Pease. She has secured \$20 million in funding to pay for the study, which is being conducted by the ATSDR. In addition, the fiscal year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which the Senate and House are now conferencing on, includes another \$10 million Shaheen secured.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">10/11/19</a>]</li> <li>• <b>July 2020: Shaheen Successfully Added An Amendment To The FY2021 National Defense Authorization Bill Authorizing \$15 Million More In Funding For The First National PFAS Health Study.</b> “Sen. Jeanne Shaheen reported she successfully added an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes \$15 million for the first national PFAS health study. The amendment for fiscal year 2021 secures \$5 million more in funding for the PFAS study than was included when the annual legislation passed the Senate Armed Services Committee last month. Shaheen, D-N.H., is a member of the Armed Services Committee. The added money will ensure the study into the health effects of the dangerous and persistent chemicals continues, according to the senator.” [SeacoastOnline, <a href="#">7/22/20</a>]</li> </ul> |

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| JEANNE SHAHEEN: "I'm Jeanne Shaheen and I approve this message."  |  |
| ANDREA AMICO: "Her leadership on this issue has been phenomenal." |  |