Andrea Amico is a Portsmouth, NH resident, wife, and mother of two small children that attend daycare full-time on Pease. Her entire family has been directly impacted by the Pease water contamination as her husband was employed for a company on Pease for almost 9 years and both of her children have attended daycare on Pease since they were 12 weeks old. She started her advocacy work for Pease in May 2014 when she first learned of the Pease water contamination in the media and wanted to learn more about the exposure her family was facing. In 2015, Andrea co-founded the Testing For Pease (TFP) community group, website, and facebook page along with 2 other mothers from the daycares on Pease. She serves as a very visible liaison between many government agencies and the local community. The TFP website is presently the most complete and up-to-date source of information about PFAS at Pease with links to federal and state pages on PFAS, government organizations and resources, legislation, news articles, upcoming meetings, etc. related to Pease AFB

Andrea has worked effectively with EPA, the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Health and Human services, the City of Portsmouth, the U.S. Air Force, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and elected officials to aggressively address the challenging issue of "emerging contaminants" at the Pease Air Force Base Superfund Site in Portsmouth/Newington, NH. Historic firefighting and training activities by the Air Force resulted in contamination of public & private water supply wells by PFAS at levels above EPA's Health Advisory. Andrea's leadership and commitment in working with the community and site team over the past 4 years has increased community participation not only at the Pease site, but at other superfund and state lead PFAS sites in New Hampshire's seacoast area. She is an inspirational leader who serves as a model community advocate in forming relationships and collaborating with government and elected officials to voice her concerns and achieve the community's goals. As a genuine leader, she always credits other concerned parents, community members, and federal and state elected officials for their support and participation in the process of addressing the investigations and cleanup at the former base. Andrea notes that there is much more work to do, many more people to reach, and much more to be learned about PFAS and emerging chemicals.

Over the past 18 months, Andrea has participated in over a dozen public meetings, presented and disseminated information at various community forums, submitted comments on state and federal health agencies' documents, wrote letters to media outlets and elected officials, met with elected officials and participated in media interviews. Andrea recently has worked to help form a National PFAS Contamination Coalition and is working with other New England community leaders who are concerned about the PFAS drinking water contamination in their localities. They have shared their communities' stories and discussed best practices to better support local organizing for clean water and health. Andrea and her colleagues have been meeting with state environmental agencies and recently met with the Region 1 Administrator to offer suggestions about how EPA can better work with and communicate with impacted communities in New England and nationally.

The Pease Tradeport, which employs over 9,000 people and houses over 250 businesses, has been established on the property of the former Pease Air Force Base. Andrea and Testing for Pease, continue to serve as a reliable resource for education and communication for the businesses and employees at the Tradeport. Overcoming the initial challenges of informing employers on the Tradeport of the Air Force's testing and action associated with discovery of "emerging contaminants" in the public drinking water supply wells, Andrea and TFP have acted as a communication bridge among multiple agencies, businesses, and the community. Her efforts to involve the community in the planning and communication process has served to educate the Pease community about the contamination and remediation of the public water supply wells which in turn has enabled the redevelopment process to continue expansion and maintain stability with an informed community.