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February 26, 2015

David Borge, Mayor
Village of Hoosick Falls
24 Main Street
Hoosick Falls, New York 12090

Re: Public Water System Sampling Results
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)
Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County

Dear Mayor Borge:

A representative of the NYSDOH spoke with you on February 18, 2016 to personally provide the results of the most recent sampling of the Village of Hoosick Falls public water supply conducted by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on January 28, 2016. Shortly thereafter, a representative also spoke with you about the sampling conducted on February 16, 2016. The purpose of this letter is to confirm those results. The NYSDOH's Wadsworth Center analyzed the water samples for PFOA and a copy of your laboratory reports are enclosed along with a laboratory explanation sheet.

PFOA was detected in the water sample collected on January 28, 2016 from the clearwell at a concentration of 983 parts per trillion (ppt). In the sample collected on February 16, 2016 from the clearwell, PFOA was detected at a concentration of 422 ppt. The results of these sampling events do not change the recommendations that the NYSDOH has made, and continue to demonstrate that actions need to continue to reduce the levels of PFOA in the Village's water supply system. The current recommendation to residents is to reduce exposure by using bottled water for drinking, food preparation, and cooking until an effective filtration system is fully operational.

If you have any questions about the sampling, or if you would like to discuss your results further, please contact me at (518) 402-7510. We appreciate your cooperation in addressing this challenging time for your community.

Sincerely,

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Wadsworth Center - Environmental Labs

County: RENSSELAER
City (or) Town: HOOSICK FALLS
Submitted by: AJD / TEV
Collected by:

Grab/Collection Date: 01/28/2016 09:10
Date received: 01/28/2016 14:45

Location/Project/Facility Name: CLEAR WELL
Sampling Location Details: CLEAR WELL
1 WATER WORKS WAY
HOOSICK FALLS NY 12090

FINAL LABORATORY REPORT

Laboratory of Organic Analytical Chemistry
NYS ELAP ID: 10763
Wadsworth Center, Empire State Plaza

LAB DIRECTOR: Dr. K. Kannan
CONTACT: Dr. David Spink 518-486-2530

Sample Id: EHS1600002451-01

Sample Type: Finished Water

Received Temperature (°C): 8.4
Received State: Cooling

Lab Tracking Id: CLEARWELL

Laboratory Special Analysis

Start Date: 2/9/2016 Analysis Date: 2/10/2016

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA): 983 ng/L

END OF REPORT

The Laboratory Director authorizes the release of this report. The results in this report relate only to the sample submitted to the laboratory.

ANALYTICAL REPORT EXPLANATION SHEET FOR WATER SAMPLES

SAMPLE ID: laboratory identification number

Date RECEIVED: the date the laboratory received your sample

City (or) Town: your town, city or village **COUNTY:** your county

LOCATION/Project/Facility Name: describes the general sample area

Sampling Location Details: describes the specific sample location (e.g. specific address, kitchen tap, ---)

SAMPLE TYPE: describes what was sampled (e.g. water)

Grab/Collection Date: date and time that your sample was collected

Report Date: date report was issued

Laboratory Special Analysis: the name of the laboratory test performed

The following describe the results:

- "<" - means "less than". The number following a less than sign (<) is the lowest level the laboratory test can reliably measure (detection limit). If there is a "<" before any number, then the chemical was NOT detected in your sample.

- NG/L - Abbreviation for "nanograms per liter". One NG/L is approximately equivalent to 1 part chemical in a trillion parts of water.

- "B" indicates that the compound was also detected in the laboratory blank, indicating that the compound may have been introduced into the sample at the laboratory. Blanks are control samples known to be free of contaminants and are tested as a quality control measure.

- "J" indicates that the compound was detected at a concentration below the detection limit and the concentration is estimated.

- "N" indicates presumptive evidence of a compound. This flag is only used for tentatively identified compounds (TIC), where identification is based on a mass spectral library search.

- "PL" indicates that the compound is present in the sample but at a concentration less than the reported level.

- "CR" indicates a confirmed result.

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