[2] An additional EPA fact sheet about PFOA can be found at http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-04/documents/factsheet_contaminant_pfos_pfoa_march2014.pdf and is enclosed. Please note that EPA is currently reviewing the state of the science on PFOA and other perfluorinated compounds, which may lead to further advisories, including an advisory addressing long-term health effects.

As you know, four samples collected from the public water supply in Hoosick Falls on June 4, 2015 were found to contain more than 600 ppt of PFOA. Additionally, 2015 groundwater sampling at the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics facility on McCaffrey Street in Hoosick Falls found levels as high as 18,000 ppt. Certain private wells in the area have also shown the presence of PFOA, though not at levels above 400 ppt, as far as EPA is aware.

Based on the presence of PFOA above 400 ppt in Hoosick Falls public drinking water supply wells, it is recommended that an alternate drinking water source (*e.g.*, bottled water) be provided to the users of the Hoosick Falls public water supply, until such time as PFOA concentrations in drinking water are brought consistently below the 400 ppt level. EPA also recommends that during this period, drinking water from the public water supply not be used for cooking (*e.g.*, boiling pasta, making soup, steaming vegetables, etc.). Boiling the water does not diminish the potential health risk associated with the PFOA.

EPA recommends that the Village of Hoosick Falls' web site be updated to conform with the information provided above, and that any information provided to the residents by the Village relating to the water contamination issue be consistent with this information as well. While the Village's web site does mention an EPA "guideline" of 400 ppt for PFOA, we recommend that the information that I have provided above regarding EPA's 400 ppt provisional health advisory, and the significance of that advisory, along with the above Internet links, be included in the web site's discussion of the water contamination issue.

In addition, EPA recommends the following corrections to the Village's web site:

- The web site incorrectly cites a 200 ppt guideline for PFOA. The 200 ppt provisional health advisory that EPA issued is for a different compound ("PFOS"), not PFOA.

- The web site contains the statement, "The EPA is in the data collection phase only." We recommend that sentence be deleted. While EPA is gathering data about PFOA in public water systems, EPA has also issued a provisional health advisory, as discussed above.

- The following sentences on the Village web site should be deleted: "Village residents should be aware that the numbers in each sample represent parts per trillion and the EPA guidelines are based on parts per billion. As yet, there is no standard or benchmark to determine how these numbers are to be interpreted for their impact on public health." As discussed above, EPA's provisional health advisory for PFOA is 400 parts per trillion.

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[3] See http://water.epa.gov/drink/standards/upload/Peer-Review-of-Health-Effects-Documents-for-PFOA-and-PFOS-Factsheet-February-2014.pdf.

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