Concerned C8 Citizens
Petersburgh, NY 12138

Basil Seggos, Commissioner NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

RE: PFOA matters in Petersburgh NY, Rensselaer County

Dear Commissioner,

Contamination of drinking water supplies by the toxic industrial chemical perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA, or C8) is a continuing concern to the residents of Petersburgh, NY, Rensselaer County. Taconics Plastics manufacturing operation at 136 Coon Book Road Petersburgh NY 12138 has recently been declared a class 2 State Superfund Site.

Overall, in every important matter of scientific assessment and regulatory judgment, the DEC appears to consistently have come down on the side of being less protective of human health and the environment and highly favorable to the polluting company, Taconic Plastics

A number of public water systems and private drinking water wells tested in recent weeks have been found to contain elevated levels of perfluorinated compounds (PFC5), in particular, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). Several of these wells have shown levels of PFOA that are above the EPA Provisional Health Advisory of 0.4 ug/l. Based on the information available to date

New York Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that Taconic Plastic is responsible for the cleanup of the Site, restoration of impacted groundwater and drinking water, other actions necessary to protect public health and the environment, and any costs DEC incurs for addressing the impacts of this contamination.

At our Concerned C8 Citizen meeting, we discussed a number of critical steps that need to be taken immediately to address the threats to public health and the environment posed by the PFC5 contamination. To begin identifying the full extent of the contamination, Rensselaer County DOH has initially sampled potentially contaminated wells and water sources, within an approximate three mile radius of the Facility. To date, this sampling effort has detected impacts to private and public drinking water wells located both within and outside this three mile radius.

At this time, we strongly request that Taconic commit to the following:

1. Bottled Water:
   a. Taconic will take over home delivery of bottled water to all properties requesting it. Taconic will take over the task of providing a convenient location with extending available pick up times for those who want to continue to pick of water.

2. Site Investigation, including Sampling and Analysis:
   a. Promptly submit a work scope for sampling and analysis of surficial soils at locations where an increased likelihood of exposure of sensitive populations to soil exists (e.g., schools, daycare centers, and playgrounds).
   b. Submit a work scope for sampling and analysis of soils at agricultural farms and fields.
   c. Retain the services of a qualified environmental consultant and submit a work plan for a full site investigation of the Taconic facility and impacted off-site locations.

4. Private Water Supply Treatment:
   For **all detected** PFOA /PFOS levels of affected properties that are serviced by private drinking water wells, and are not designated for connection to a public water supply, design, install, and maintain, individual Point of Entry treatment systems (POETs). For **all non-detect** levels, private wells to be sampled bi-annually until such a time to be determined unnecessary

5. Blood monitoring to be offered in a convenient location in Petersburgh, NY.

6. Full disclosure of current chemicals used by Taconic along with Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) copies supplied to town and local fire department per NYS Building & Fire Codes.

7. Disclosure of all by-product disposal practices both past and present by Taconic

8. Disclosure of VOC/emissions from stacks/scrubbers from Taconic

9. Full disclosure on reporting practices to state agencies and responses to the levels that were reported by Taconic

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Citizens C8 Concerns look forward to working with you on all matters addressed in this letter.

Respectfully,

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cc: Judith Enck, Administrator EPA Region 2
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Town Board of Petersburgh, NY