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In a January 14, 2016 letter to the Regional Administrator, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposed that EPA, after conducting an investigation, nominate for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. McCaffrey Street plant site in Hoosick Falls, NY. DEC also added the site to its own state Superfund list. In response to the state's request, EPA has been working expeditiously to evaluate the site under the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) to determine if the site is eligible for inclusion on the NPL. This evaluation has included sampling of soil, groundwater and other media, which was completed on May 18, 2016. Our sampling found not only PFOA but other contaminants too, including TCE. On July 18, 2016, Region 2 sent to EPA HQ a final draft HRS package for review.

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

EPA has spent about $500,000 on environmental sampling and analysis in Hoosick Falls to date. Region 2 believes EPA is in a position to make a decision about a proposed NPL listing in the next regularly scheduled NPL update issued by the Agency, which is currently scheduled for September 8, 2016.

This past winter, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) oversaw the installation of a temporary treatment system on the Hoosick Falls public water supply, to remove PFOA from the water before it is distributed to users. DOH has determined that the system is properly removing PFOA. DOH is also overseeing the design and construction of a permanent treatment system. In addition, Saint-Gobain and Honeywell have begun to conduct studies relating to the nature and extent of the contamination. Also, to protect private well owners whose water may be impacted by PFOA, the state has installed Point of Entry Treatment systems at many residences in the Town of Hoosick.

Senator Schumer wrote to Administrator McCarthy on July 22, 2016, urging EPA to promptly propose the site for the NPL. His letter is attached.