November 30, 2015

Via E-mail/Hard Copy to Follow

Judith A. Enck, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007-1866

Re: Hoosick Falls municipal water supply/PFOA

Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

I and my colleagues on the Village Board very much appreciate your letter of November 25, 2015 on the above referenced. We share your concerns and will heed to your suggestions and recommendations.

Both the NYS and Rensselaer County Health Departments have been working very closely with the Village on this issue and my gratitude to them cannot be expressed enough. While the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has not been as directly involved in this matter as the two Health Departments, we have had communications with DEC and know that they are monitoring the situation and talking with DOH personnel. In this regard, the Village has scheduled an Information Forum/Open House for Wednesday evening, December 2, 2015 for Village and Town residents. Representatives from both Departments of Health, Village and Town officials, consulting engineers, Saint-Gobain personnel, Tops Market management personnel, Water Treatment plant operators and others will be present to answer questions and provide information (both verbal and printed materials).

Thus far, Saint-Gobain has been very cooperative in attempting to deal with this unfortunate situation. You are correct in that we started a bottled water distribution program this past Sunday, November 29, 2015. Up to 5 gallons of water per day per household (1 gal. or 2.5 gal containers) can be picked up upon presenting identification at our local Tops Market Store. Special arrangements have been put in place for nursing homes, day care centers, schools, and a handful of businesses (such as our local pub/restaurant). Invoices will be sent directly to Saint-Gobain from Tops on a weekly basis at first. Once things settle into established practices, we hope to go to monthly invoicing. All costs for this program are being incurred by Saint- Gobain.

In addition, you are also correct that Saint-Gobain has agreed to retrofit the Municipal Water Treatment plant with two granular activated carbon filtration systems with the company agreeing to cover all costs associated with this effort. Two engineering firms are working with the Health Departments to assure this process of retrofitting begins as soon as possible. Our attorneys are working closely with Saint-Gobain's legal representatives to work out several other details,

many of which have been identified under the "Public and private drinking water supplies" section of your 11/25/15 correspondence to me. Our overall objective here is to get all monitored wells to negligible or non-measurable amounts for PFOA.

Finally, I have directed appropriate Village personnel to change the Village's website in accordance with your recommendations.

In closing, please be assured that Village, Town and County officials are all deeply concerned about this water situation and will not rest until it is resolved. Any and all assistance your Agency can provide will always be appreciated. Unless I hear differently, I and my Board will continue to work directly with the State and County Health Departments who, I understand, have been having periodic discussions with Region 2 staff.

Sincerely,

David B. Borge, Mayor

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