



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

July 6, 2016

Via Email and Regular Mail

Christopher R. Gibson, Esquire
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Subject: Merrimack Village District Wells 4 and 5

Dear Attorney Gibson:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is in receipt of your July 1, 2016, letter to Mr. Ron Miner, Superintendent of the Merrimack Village District (MVD), written in response to requests from MVD and NHDES that Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPP) agree to pay for the design, installation, and operation of a treatment system to address perfluorinated compound (PFC) contamination in MVD wells 4 and 5. NHDES disagrees with the technical assertions and position that the letter presents relative to the origin of PFC contamination in these wells. Further, the letter's message is a cause for concern about the near-term efforts that should be initiated to ensure that permanent wellhead treatment is provided for MVD wells 4 and 5, and for ensuring that the residents of Merrimack and neighboring towns serviced by the MVD water system have an adequate supply of safe, clean drinking water.

As you proposed in your letter, NHDES requests that representatives of SGPP, NHDES, and MVD meet in the near future to discuss this matter in greater detail. In order to fully inform and facilitate our discussions, and pursuant to RSA 485-C and its implementing rules, Env-Or 600, please promptly provide the report or reports from your consultant that support the assertions put forth in your letter.

Please contact me at (603) 271-2958, or thomas.burack@des.nh.gov, or Assistant Commissioner Clark Freise, at (603) 271-8806, or clark.freise@des.nh.gov to make arrangements for a meeting. We look forward to resolving this matter and anticipate SGPP's

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continued commitment to ensuring a safe and adequate drinking water supply for the citizens of southern New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Burack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Clark Freise, Assistant Commissioner, NHDES
K. Allen Brooks, Senior Assistant Attorney General, NHDOJ
John Regan, Administrator, Waste Management Division, NHDES
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Edward J. Canning, EHS Director, SGPP
Ron Miner, Superintendent, MVD