



PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Weekly Update

May 27, 2016

NHDES is issuing these weekly email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other PFCs in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Press Releases

May 25, 2016: NHDES Southern N.H. PFOA Investigation Update - Designated Properties in Bedford to Be Provided Bottled Water

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announced today that, as part of its investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in southern New Hampshire drinking water, bottled water delivery will be expanded to include properties in Bedford served by private wells within the 1.5-mile radius of the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics plant in Merrimack. NHDES made this decision to provide the bottled water to help protect the public's health based on new well test results that show a number of private drinking water wells in the area having concentrations greater than 70 parts per trillion (ppt) of PFOA .

The expanded area that will receive bottled water includes over 50 properties in Bedford on Back River Road (south of Smith Road), Green Meadow Lane and Hemlock Road. These properties will be provided bottled water delivery within the next few days; additional bottled water supplies will be available for the affected residences at the Bedford Fire Station and Safety Complex at 55 Constitution Drive.

For more information related to the investigation, please visit the NHDES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>.

Private Well Sampling

Note: NHDES will be using the new USEPA lifetime drinking water health advisory of 70 ppt of PFOA and PFOS as an action level for providing bottled water to well owners until NHDES adopts a groundwater standard for these chemicals.

	SAINT-GOBAIN Area	TCI AMHERST Area	MERRIMACK LANDFILL
WELLS SAMPLED	494	98	40
RESULTS RECEIVED	366	11	0
≥ 70 PPT	127	4	0
APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED	18	49	2

To view the current maps for all of these locations, please visit:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Public Water System Test Results

Updated Results are available here (note results include both PFOA and PFOS):

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20160527.pdf>

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability

If you are eligible and have not received delivery of bottled water or have questions about receiving bottled water, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only).

Public Inquiries

If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFOA found in Southern NH drinking water, please call the Public Inquiry Line at (603) 271-9461 or visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

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