



PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Update

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NHDES is issuing these 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>

Based on the ongoing NHDES investigation into PFOA and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in New Hampshire drinking water, NHDES posted a state-wide summary document that identifies areas where samples have been collected. The document is available here: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-statewide-status-20170110.pdf>

Update on Water Line Extensions:

Amherst:

- Work continues to install public water service to the seventh property in Amherst (108 Route 101A). The other connections will proceed in the spring of 2017.

Bedford:

- The Town of Bedford held a meeting with NHDES, Saint-Gobain, C.T. Male, and Town representatives on December 21, 2016 to present their preferences for moving forward with providing public water to Bedford property owners impacted by PFOA. Saint-Gobain is reviewing the information presented.

Litchfield: As of January 12, 2017

- Water services are being connected in the areas where water main installation is complete. Sixty-eight (68) properties are fully connected. Stop-to-end services are being completed in these areas at this time.

Look-Ahead:

- Water Services Contracts – Water service installations will continue as water main is placed into service. Another 29 are scheduled to be connected by 1/27/2017 with another one possible by 1/30/2017. Some folks still need to respond to the well forms and return calls regarding scheduling service connections.
- Pennichuck is proceeding with their investigation of the effort required to connect additional Litchfield properties to public water.
- Pennichuck has prepared a preliminary cost estimate for connection of these properties, with is being reviewed by Saint-Gobain.
- Contract No. 1: Route 3A – Water main work has shut down for the season.
- Contract No. 2: Corning Road Area – Water main work has shut down for the season.
- Contract No. 3: Roberts Road Area – Water main work has shut down for the season.

Manchester:

- Water System Extension is complete. All water services have been installed and a plumber is working to finalize the last few remaining interior connections.

Merrimack:

- Fifteen (15) of the 21 water services have been installed to date in Merrimack.

- Some Merrimack properties will need a POU if water service installation cannot be completed because of weather constraints.
- **MVD Well Nos. 4 and 5 -**
MVD and Saint-Gobain have an agreement in place for MVD to have their Engineer continue with Preliminary Engineering for implementation of a long-term treatment solution. MVD's Engineer is working through the preliminary engineering. Saint-Gobain has offered to deliver a temporary granulated activated carbon (GAC) filtration system with new GAC for their use. MVD and Saint Gobain need to finalize responsibility for installation, operation and maintenance of the temporary GAC filtration system.

Update on Point of Use Systems Installations

Bedford, Litchfield, Merrimack:

- Installations are ongoing for properties that have PFOA levels greater than 70 ppt and will not be connected to public water because of weather constraints. Forty-four POU systems have been installed to date. Testing of POU systems is ongoing.

Amherst:

- Culligan continues to schedule design consultations for point-of-entry (POE) installations at eligible properties. To date, 11 POE systems have been installed. Additional installations will be scheduled over the next few weeks.

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability:

An updated list of eligible addresses has been posted here:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bottledwaterareas-20170113.pdf>

Monadnock Mountain Spring Water will continue delivery of bottled water to eligible residents, however, due to the change in temperatures; they will no longer leave water outside. If regular deliveries are interrupted or if you need additional water, please contact Monadnock Mountain Spring Water DIRECTLY at (603) 654-2728. If you have any problems, 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 PFCs 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>
Also, please share this report with your interested family, neighbors or friends. Anyone interested in receiving the reports directly via email should email James Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer at james.martin@des.nh.gov

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