



PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Update

February 10, 2017

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>

Recent Press Releases:

January 31: NH Department of Health and Human Services issued the following press release: First Results in Latest PFC Blood Testing Round Are Being Mailed to Participants
(<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/media/pr/2017/01312017-pfc-test-results.htm>)

February 3, 2017: Elevated Levels of PFCs Found Near Rochester Business. For the full text visit:
<http://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2017/20170203-pfc-rochester.htm>

Updated Map:

A new map for the Bedford, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Manchester investigation area has been posted: <http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-saintgobain-poster-20170201.pdf>

Update on Water Line Extensions:

Amherst:

- The seven initial connections have been completed. Design work for the other connections are expected to be completed 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 February 10, 2017

- 114 main-to-stop water services have been installed to date. Ninety-three (93) properties are fully connected.

Manchester:

- Water System Extension is complete.

Merrimack:

- Sixteen (16) of the 21 water services have been installed to date in Merrimack.
- POU installations have been completed at the properties where water service installation cannot be completed because of weather constraints.
- In the last two weeks, 5 additional properties wells have tested over 70 ppt. NHDES requested that Saint-Gobain provided public water to these properties.
- *MVD Well Nos. 4 and 5 -*

Work to address short-term and long-term treatment options is on-going.

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. Fifty-five (55) 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, 241 POE systems have been installed. Final installations are expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

Merrimack Village Public Water Results:

Results updated February 9, 2017: <http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-mvd-public-water-results-20170209.pdf>

Stack Testing:

On December 6, 2016, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPP) submitted to NHDES the final report for stack testing conducted in August and October of last year after initial tests showed low levels of PFOA emissions. The report outlined SGPP's efforts to date to remove PFOA from the exhaust stack of one of the towers at the Merrimack facility including replacement of duct work, stack and dilution fan and cleaning of the tower oven. The work done over the last several months was successful in reducing emissions slightly; however, it did not eliminate PFOA detections in the stack completely. NHDES is working with SGPP to help determine what, if any, additional measures are necessary to reduce emissions.

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability:

An updated list of eligible addresses has been posted under Frequently Asked Questions:

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