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The Honorable Rob Allen
Village of Hoosick Falls
Municipal Building
24 Main Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Dear Mayor Allen:

On February 9, 2018 the New York state Department of Health collected samples from the Village Public Water System to evaluate the on-going effectiveness of the full capacity carbon filters to remove perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other perfluorinated compounds (PFCs). This sampling was done as follow-up to our January 18, 2018 sampling and focused on our expanded list of PFCs other than GenX and related compounds. GenX and related compounds were not found in any of the January 18 samples including samples from monitoring wells and so were not included in the analysis this time allowing for a quicker response. The results for the 16 PFCs tested as listed at the end of this letter are consistent between the two sampling events, and the results show that the carbon units are removing PFOA and all the other PFCs tested to non-detect levels in the finished water.

Consistent with past sampling events, several different PFCs were found in the untreated drinking water. As with our January sampling, PFBA was found after the first carbon unit at levels just above 5 parts per trillion. The finished water samples which were collected after both carbon filters showed no PFBA. In this sampling event we also detected one other PFC (PFPeA) in one of the two samples collected between the two carbon units at a level of 2.06 ppt. The other sample showed non-detect levels.

In summary, the results show that the GAC filters are effectively and consistently removing PFOA and other PFCs to non-detect levels in the finished drinking water being served to the community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (518) 402-7650.

Sincerely,

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Director
Bureau of Water Supply Protection

cc: R. Swider
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List 1: PFCs tested for in the February 9, 2018 Samples

Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)
Perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)
Perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA)
Perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)
Perfluoropropanesulfonic acid (PFPrS)
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)
Perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS)
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)
Perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS)
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)
Perfluorooctanesulfonamide (PFOSA)