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Hello All,

This is the 4th consecutive summary sent to those who pay for utilizing the Village of Hoosick Falls' Municipal Water Supply. Each summary has been enclosed with your water bills. As requested with previous summaries, I ask that you share this with tenants and others as appropriate.

At the Village Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, representatives from Saint-Gobain presented the results of their voluntary sampling for PFOA conducted at their McCaffrey Street property in August of this year. During that presentation Saint-Gobain made it known publicly that they will fund a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system to be added to the existing filtration system at the Municipal Water Treatment Plant. Based on a pilot study of our existing water, it has been determined that a GAC filtration system will, in fact reduce the currently measurable amounts of PFOA in our system to non-measurable or negligible results. Saint-Gobain also agreed to fund an alternative water source for drinking and cooking – bottled water for those who choose this option.

Effective Sunday, November 29, 2015, bottled water in 1 gallon and 2.5 gallon containers became available to residents of Hoosick who utilize the Village water supply. Tops Market in Hoosick Falls is distributing this bottled water and is open 7 days per week. Sign in at the Service Desk to receive your coupon(s) and turn them in at the register as you check out. Alternative water will be available until a temporary or permanent system is in place and confirmed to be effective. Construction is expected to be completed no later than by the fall of 2016 and most likely sooner, however much depends on the coming winter.

Further discussions with Saint-Gobain are on-going and continue to be positive. There are many steps in this process and our community will benefit by having the highest quality of water.

The Village Board will continue to be pro-active and very much appreciates your patience. Unfortunately, a “quick fix” does not exist, but we are well on our way to a permanent resolution.

Once again, I ask for copies of any sample results you may have had completed privately. This information will help the Departments of Health in their combined efforts to determine the extent of the PFOA.

I thank the individuals who have volunteered to help in any capacity. Please feel free to share suggestions as we move forward.

Thank you.

David Borge, Mayor
Village of Hoosick falls