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Re: Status of State and Federal Superfund Investigations

Dear Mayor, Town Supervisor and Superintendent:

When you came to Albany last week to meet with Governor Cuomo, we indicated that we would keep you informed of the progress of the Superfund investigations regarding PFOA contamination.

As you know, on January 14, DEC requested that EPA nominate the Saint Gobain McCaffrey Street facility to the National Priorities List (NPL). On January 27, DEC added PFOA to the list of hazardous substances via emergency regulation and subsequently named the Saint Gobain McCaffrey Street site as a Class 2 state Superfund site.

DEC and EPA are coordinating the parallel paths of our investigations to ensure the process moves expeditiously and efficiently. DEC is conducting a field program, including the collection of samples from existing monitoring wells at the school bus garage property.

EPA plans to be in the field during the week of February 22 to sample soil from the Little League baseball fields near the Village public water wells.

DEC and EPA have also been conducting interviews with local residents knowledgeable about past manufacturing operations and disposal practices. The interviews will help guide further investigation.

We will be preparing a fact sheet and briefing materials for residents on the investigation. We anticipate that we will distribute these materials on a regular basis and on our website, starting next week during the public Open Houses at the Village Armory. We will also continue to have DEC staff present at the Open Houses who are available to answer any questions on DEC's actions related to the Superfund investigation and process as well as to receive information from residents.

My Deputy Commissioner Gene Leff would be happy to continue meeting with you to fully explain the Superfund process and our investigation. He will be reaching out to schedule.

Please don't hesitate to call me or Gene Leff to discuss any of these matters.

Sincerely,



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Acting Commissioner

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