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Supervisor Peter Schaaphok
Town of Petersburg
Petersburgh Town Hall
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Re: Petersburg Water District
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Sampling
(T) Petersburg, Rensselaer County

Dear Supervisor Schaaphok:

A representative of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) spoke with you on March 16, 2016 to personally provide the results of the most recent sampling of the Petersburg Water District conducted by the NYSDOH on March 3, 2016. The purpose of this letter is to confirm those results.

Water samples were collected from Well #2, Well #5, and Well #6 representing untreated water. Water samples were also collected from two locations within the distribution system representing finished water. The water samples were analyzed by Maxxam Laboratory for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and five other perfluorinated chemicals. A copy of the laboratory reports is enclosed.

This letter confirms the results of the sampling. PFOA was detected in the water samples collected from Well #2 and Well #5 at concentrations of 120 parts per trillion (ppt) and 39 ppt, respectively. Two water samples were collected from Well #6, the second sample representing a duplicate sample; PFOA was detected in the water sample collected from Well #6 at a concentration of 53 ppt, and in the duplicate sample at 42 ppt. PFOA was detected in the two finished water samples at concentrations of 85 ppt and 84 ppt. All sample results are reflected in the laboratory reports.

Bottled water continues to be available for residents in the Town of Petersburg. The NYS DOH will continue to work with the Town and the Rensselaer County Department of Health to explore treatment options for the Petersburg Water District. Should you have questions, please contact me at (518) 402-7650.

Sincerely,

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