



TESTING *for* PEASE

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Office of the Governor  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: PFC Contamination – Thank You and Follow Up

Dear Governor Hassan,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Thursday, May 5, 2016 regarding the PFC water contamination at the former Pease Air Force Base. We felt your sincere appreciation for our efforts and appreciate all that you have done to put pressure on the necessary parties. In fact, we were pleased to see that the EPA recently released revised levels for life time exposures of 70 ppt for both PFOS and PFOA. This is a step in the right direction, but the EPA can't stop here. There is more to be done.

During our conversation, we discussed three main topics that, as advocates for the Pease Community, we'd like to follow up with you on.

Setting a Provisional Health Advisory (PHA) for PFHxS is becoming increasingly urgent. This PFC was not included in the EPA's revised levels and therefore remains unregulated. I am sure you are aware, the Haven well tested unexpectedly high for PFHxS in the water and the Pease community blood tests were also highest for PFHxS. Both the Smith and Harrison wells are currently supplying water to the Pease community and continue to test positive for PFHxS.

The State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a Do Not Eat advisory for fish in the Clark's Marsh because the fish tested positive for PFCs surrounding the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services also advised impacted residents to avoid drinking water and well water partly because of the lack of information surrounding PFHxS (no current EPA guidelines, limited health study data, and long half life in the body). We strongly believe that the chemical should not have the benefit of the doubt and given the lack of information on PFHxS, the Pease community should be not be drinking water with PFHxS in it.

**Will New Hampshire consider issuing a Do Not Drink water advisory for Pease Tradeport based on the lack of information surrounding PFHxS?**

We are very appreciative of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services revised website listing more transparent health effects, but still feel more guidance and general recommendations to monitor the health of the exposed community is needed. It is critical that the healthcare community in New Hampshire is educated on PFCs and given more information on how to better monitor their patients exposed to PFCs based on the current science. As we discussed, healthcare providers are looking at the New Hampshire Department of Health

and Human Services recommendations as a guide and resource for PFC contamination and not equipping them with adequate information and better recommendations is hindering the care of their patients.

**Will New Hampshire be willing to provide updated information and recommendations to all New Hampshire healthcare providers?**

Lastly, we are continuing to get inquiries for additional blood testing for those who were not aware of the blood testing programs that were offered in 2015. In fact, Testing for Pease held a community meeting on Tuesday, May 17 and the question of whether or not additional blood testing paid for by the State of New Hampshire or the CDC was going to be offered was a topic that came up repeatedly throughout the night. Because the Pease Tradeport is home to 10,000 people on a daily basis (not including the thousands of prior military families, civilians, etc), reaching everyone is undoubtedly difficult. People are traveling from multiple cities, counties and states and many not be privy to news local to Pease and/or Portsmouth. There are only a few labs in the country that can test for PFCs in the blood making this blood test expensive and difficult for the community to obtain on their own.

**Will New Hampshire open additional blood testing for those exposed to PFC water contamination at Pease, funded by the State or the CDC?**

We truly appreciate all your efforts in this regard and look forward to continuing our work together on this very important matter.

Best Regards,

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