



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner



June 13, 2016

Sent Via Email and Regular Mail

Edward Canning, Director
Environment, Health & Safety
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics
One Sealants Park
Granville, NY 12832

Re: PFOA Matters in Southern New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Canning:

This letter is prompted by recent test results for Merrimack Village District Water System (MVD) wells #4 and #5, which show that the combined PFOA/PFOS levels now exceed New Hampshire's Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (AGQS) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). While those wells currently are not being used, the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is concerned that the anticipated hot weather and the ever-present potential for a fire emergency will result in an inadequate water supply condition for the MVD system. Such an emergency condition could necessitate bringing these wells back on-line.

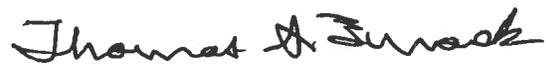
Therefore, NHDES requests that Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (Saint-Gobain) undertake the following, in addition to the actions to which Saint-Gobain previously agreed:

1. Treatment for MVD Wells #4 and #5
In conjunction with MVD, develop, deploy and maintain a treatment strategy to ensure the AGQS for PFOA/ PFOS will not be exceeded if or when either one or both of those wells is brought on-line.
2. Interconnection with Pennichuck Water Works (Pennichuck)
Fund the efforts necessary to upgrade as necessary and to utilize the existing interconnection between MVD and Pennichuck Water Works to provide sufficient water to ensure that MVD wells #4 and #5 will not be needed until the long-term treatment strategy (Item #1, above) is implemented, even during a drought condition that may or may not be concurrent with a fire emergency. These efforts include capital enhancements to the existing interconnection and any other increased costs (whether capital or operating) that MVD accrues due to their purchase(s) of water from Pennichuck through the interconnection.

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We appreciate Saint-Gobain's continued commitment to ensuring a safe and adequate water supply for the citizens of Southern New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Burack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Clark Freise, Assistant Commissioner, NHDES
Michael Wimsatt, Director, Hazardous Waste Division
John Regan, Administrator, Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau