

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH

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Markos Miller Good Group Decisions 98 Maine Street Brunswick, ME 04011

Dear Mr. Miller,

The Town of Merrimack ("Town") is in receipt of your invitation, on behalf of Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics ("Saint Gobain"), to participate in a "Community Advisory Council with members of the Merrimack community" in order to "foster communication and dialogue between company management and community leaders."

The Town's top priority is the health of its citizens and their environment. As such, we ask that Saint Gobain:

- 1. Immediately cease the use of PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, and PFNA (including all forms and their precursors) ("PFAS") from Merrimack operations until installation of a thermal oxidizer or other air emissions control technology with guaranteed 99% removal efficiency;
- 2. Agree to 99% removal of PFAS (BACT) and a shutdown mechanism for an exceedance of any condition or violations in NHDES issued air permit;
- 3. Replace the roof and gutter systems at the Merrimack facility;
- 4. Replace the stormwater piping and control system and commence filtration of stormwater to comply with applicable standards;
- 5. Clean PFAS from the sewer line from where Saint Gobain's Merrimack facility connects to the interceptor to the nearest pump station;
- 6. Pump groundwater at Saint Gobain's Merrimack facility to an on-site treatment system for treatment to comply with applicable standards;
- 7. Cover <u>all</u> costs associated with removing PFAS from MVD wells 4 and 5 (including ongoing operation and maintenance, filter replacement etc.);
- 8. Install a scrubber to remove hydrogen fluoride from the stack emissions;
- 9. St. Gobain's Merrimack facility shall comply with all current and future PFAS regulations.

Assessing
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Town Council P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461 Town Manager P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461 Saint Gobain took a full page ad to present an open letter to the Town describing its role as a leader in protecting human health and the environment. The Town looks to Saint Gobain to take action on the above priorities in order to demonstrate that commitment. Whether in local, state, or federal processes, or in this Community Advisory Council, the Town's priorities are clear - Saint Gobain must either cease operations or address these priorities. The decrease from a concentration of 2 billion ppt PFOA in active processes in 2005 to dip pan test results of 21,000 ppt and 25,600 ppt in 2018 demonstrates progress, but remains several orders of magnitude above the levels the State of New Hampshire set as protective of human health and the environment.

If Saint Gobain is establishing the Community Advisory Council as the forum for resolving the substantive matters listed above, the Town will gladly attend.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Koenig, Chairman

On behalf of the Merrimack Town Council