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## **Merrimack Village District and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Reach Settlement Agreement**

MERRIMACK, NH – The Merrimack Village District (MVD) and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPPL) announced today they have reached a settlement agreement to fund the labor, services, materials and equipment required to design, install, operate and maintain a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system to remove PFOA and PFOS in Wells 4 and 5 in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

Under the terms of the agreement, SGPPL agrees to:

- Pay for the design, construction and installation of the system;
- Pay over the next five years for future operation and maintenance of the system; and
- Pay to reimburse MVD for costs it has reported in relation to the detection of PFOA in the wells.

“We are extremely pleased to reach this agreement with MVD,” said Tom Kinisky, CEO of Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. “We have worked hard to take a leadership position in bringing results that are sustainable long-term for this community. With this settlement agreement now signed, we remain committed to coordinating with the needed partners to get the work done.”

SGPPL has previously connected 18 Merrimack homes to municipal water lines, and has recently agreed with NHDES to connect additional 41 homes in Merrimack to municipal water lines.

While SGPPL is providing the funding, the physical work will be overseen by MVD. A preliminary engineering design has been completed, and the final design is expected to be completed by Winter 2018. Construction will begin shortly thereafter.

“We are pleased with this outcome, and look forward to getting the system online,” said Ron Miner, Superintendent of the Merrimack Village District.

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