



Performance Plastics

From: Tom Kinisky, President and CEO, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics proactively decided to test the tap and drinking water at our Merrimack, N.H., plant, where PTFE containing PFOA has been used in the past.

The water from our carbon-filtered drinking water bubblers at the plant showed no detectable levels of PFOA. However, detectable levels of PFOA were found in the on-site tap water. The levels detected were below the 100ppt provisional state guideline and well below the 400ppt federal advisory limit. The tap water comes from the Merrimack municipal water system, which supplies water to more than 95% of the residents in Merrimack and nearby areas. These recent test findings are consistent with tests conducted by the U.S. EPA in 2014, when the agency tested municipal drinking water systems in New Hampshire that serve more than 10,000 residents.

Following these tests we notified the NHDES of the results as well as our intention to voluntarily carryout testing for PFOA in the soil and ground water at our site. That work is underway. Concurrently, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services decided to test private wells within a one-mile radius of the plant.

The NHDES tests found PFOA at elevated levels in some of the private wells in Merrimack and Litchfield. As a result, the NHDES has begun notifying residents of the results. It has also begun to provide bottled water to the affected residents, which we have offered to fund.

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics remains in contact with local and state authorities regarding the best course of action to address the elevated levels of PFOA. It remains our primary goal to ensure all Saint-Gobain employees, as well as the valued residents of the communities surrounding our plants, have ready access to water that meets the both the federal and state advisories.

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Please note that responses to all inquiries may not be possible, but we will do our best to answer your questions.

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