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**RE: Monthly Progress Report – January 2019
Taconic Site (Site No. 442047)
Petersburgh, New York**

Dear Madam;

Pursuant to Section XIII of Appendix A of the Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement for the Tonoga Inc. d/b/a Taconic facility in Petersburgh, New York, the Monthly Progress Report is attached. Please feel free to contact me at 518.658.3202 x288 or at karent@4taconic.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
TACONIC FACILITY (NYSDEC SITE NO. 442047)
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Actions Taken to Comply with the Settlement Agreement During Previous Month (January):

- The status of the point-of-entry treatment (POET) system and non-POET location monitoring is provided in the attached tables.

Plans, Reports, and Other Deliverables Required by the Settlement Agreement Completed and Submitted in the Previous Month (January):

- None.

Results of Sampling, Tests and Any Other Data Received or Generated by or on behalf of Respondent During the Previous Month (January):

- Partial validated EDDs for sludge, wastewater, surface soil, sediment, and surface water were transmitted to the NYSDEC on December 31, 2018.
- The remaining validated EDDs for the 2018 Phase 1a RI were transmitted to the NYSDEC on January 23, 2019.
- Analytical results received from Eurofins Lancaster Labs Environmental (ELLE) during the month for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for the POET systems and annual raw only properties were submitted to NYSDEC under separate cover on January 4, 18 & 29, 2019. POET analytical results EDDs were submitted to NYSDEC on January 9 and 22, 2019 and successfully uploaded.
- POET termination letters approved by NYSDEC were mailed out to homeowners on December 26, 2018.

Activities Undertaken in Support of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) During Previous Month (January):

- None.

Actions, Plans and Data Scheduled for the Next Month (February):

- Application of Approval of Plans for PWS Improvement, engineering report, and specifications for the Town of Petersburg storage and GAC treatment system for maintenance well water were submitted to NYSDOH and RCDOH on July 20, 2017. Comments on the design report were received from the NYSDEC on November 24, 2017. NYSDEC submitted a Request for Information to the Town of Petersburg on February 21, 2018, to determine the need for an Article 15 Protection of Waters Permit. Taconic participated on a conference call with the Town of Petersburg and the NYSDEC on March 27, 2018 to discuss the NYSDEC comments. As discussed during the conference call, further clarification was needed from the NYSDEC on the regulatory status of the proposed receiving stream to finalize the engineering report. Taconic met with a NYSDEC representative in the field on March 1, 2018 to review the receiving streams and received an email from the NYSDEC dated March 21, 2018 clarify the permitting status of the proposed receiving stream. The Town of Petersburg received draft SPDES limits on June 11, 2018. The Town of Petersburg held a teleconference with Taconic, NYSDEC and NYSDOH on August 7 and 28, and September 13 and 28, 2018 regarding the draft SPDES limits for this treatment system. On October 16, 2018, Taconic received a letter from the Town of Petersburg addressing various issues related to the management of maintenance water and artesian well flows. Taconic responded to the Town by letter dated October 31, 2018. On December 31, 2018, the NYSDEC requested the Town schedule a meeting to discuss the letters.
- Application of Approval of Plans for PWS Improvement, engineering report, and specifications for the Town of Petersburg Wells #5 and #6 artesian drains, based on recommendations by the certified well driller inspection report, were submitted to NYSDOH and RCDOH on August 28 and September 20, 2017. On October 17, 2017, NYSDOH commented that the artesian well overflows for Town Wells #5 and #6 will be subject to a SPDES permit and prefer to eliminate the artesian discharge. Taconic continues to coordinate with the Town of Petersburg to develop plans to address the artesian flows from Town Wells #5 and #6. On October 16, 2018, Taconic received a letter from the Town of Petersburg addressing various issues related to the management of maintenance water and artesian well flows. Taconic

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responded to the Town by letter dated October 31, 2018. On December 31, 2018, the NYSDEC requested the Town schedule a meeting to discuss the letters.

- As requested by NYSDEC on October 25, 2017, a SPDES Industrial Application to Discharge Industrial Wastewater, map of the facility and discharge location, flow diagram and the associated sampling results for the discharge of maintenance waters and artesian well overflows for the Town of Petersburg public water supply, were prepared by Taconic and submitted to the Town of Petersburg on November 8, 2017. The Town of Petersburg submitted the application to NYSDEC on November 10, 2017. Comments were received from NYSDEC on the submitted application on November 24, 2017. Taconic participated on a conference call with the Town of Petersburg and the NYSDEC on March 27, 2018 to discuss the NYSDEC comments. As discussed during the conference call, further clarification is needed from the NYSDEC on the regulatory status of the SPDES permit discharge limits to finalize the engineering report. Taconic met with a NYSDEC representative in the field on March 1, 2018 to review the discharge options and received an email from the NYSDEC dated March 21, 2018 clarify the permitting status of the proposed receiving stream. The Town of Petersburg received draft SPDES limits on June 11, 2018. The Town of Petersburg held a teleconference with Taconic, NYSDEC and NYSDOH on August 7 and 28, and September 13 and 28, 2018 regarding the draft SPDES limits for this treatment system. On October 16, 2018, Taconic received a letter from the Town of Petersburg addressing various issues related to the management of maintenance water and artesian well flows. Taconic responded to the Town by letter dated October 31, 2018. On December 31, 2018, the NYSDEC requested the Town schedule a meeting to discuss the letters.
- The closure of the active UST in Building 6 and the inactive former UST in Building 5 is planned for early 2019.
- Depending on hydrologic conditions, a round of periodic surface water sampling may be conducted in February.
- A summary package of the 2018 Phase 1a RI data is planned to be completed and submitted to the NYSDEC in February 2019, to initiate discussions on the planned installation of overburden monitoring wells contemplated for Phase 1b of the RI, to be initiated the spring of 2019.
- Analytical results are scheduled to be received from Eurofins for PFAS for the installed POET systems and raw water only locations with no POET systems.
- WEL-DUN will continue maintenance monitoring of the installed POET systems.
- WEL-DUN will continue sampling of the raw water only locations with no POET systems.
- Installation of POET system(s) not yet completed at locations included in Exhibit C of the Settlement Agreement will continue.

Activities in Support of the Citizen Participation Plan Anticipated for the Next Month (February):

- None.

Delays Encountered or Anticipated and Mitigation Measures:

- None.

Proposed or Approved Modifications (Work Scope and/or Schedule):

- None.

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Percentage of Completion and Additional Information Relating to the Progress of Work:

RI Phase 1a Tasks	Percent Complete
Miscellaneous Sampling (USTs, Bldg 6 pipe)	100%
Underground Utility Location	100%
Surface Soil Sampling	100%
Surface Water Sampling-Initial	100%
Surface Water Sampling-Periodic (3 events)	0%
Sediment Sampling	100%
Direct Sensing-DPT	100%
Subsurface Soil Sampling-DPT	100%
Discrete Interval Groundwater Sampling-DPT	100%
Borehole Geophysical Investigations	67%
Discrete Interval Groundwater Sampling-Geophysical	67%
Shallow Bedrock Borehole Installation	100%
Discrete Interval Groundwater Sampling-Boreholes	100%
Data Validation	100%

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POET System Monthly Report

Raw-Only Sampling of Locations with No POET System	
Total Raw-Only Locations	144
Total Raw-Only Sampled	1Q19 = 1 Completed; 2 Scheduled • Jan = 1 Completed; 1 Scheduled. • Feb = 1 Scheduled. • Mar = 0 Scheduled.
Locations On Hold	11 (6 vacant locations and 5 current owners that requested no additional samples be collected and to be removed from the list.)
New POET System Installed as a result of Raw-Only Sampling	5 (0 pending)
New POET System Cleared for Use	4 (1 pending)
POET Systems	
<u>Updated Exhibit C POET System Installation List:</u>	
Total POET System Locations	96
Total POET Systems Installed	91 (1 pending)
POET Systems Clear for Use	91 (0 pending)
POET Systems on Hold	4 (Contacted homeowners.)
POET Installations - Exhibit C of the Settlement Agreement	96% (Plan to complete as soon as homeowners return back multiple messages.)
<u>POET System O&M:</u>	
Total POET System Samples collected this Quarter	1Q19 = 15 Completed; 38 Scheduled • Jan = 12 Completed; 14 Scheduled. • Feb = 3 Completed; 11 Scheduled. • Mar = 13 Scheduled.
GAC Tank Exchanges	4 (0 pending)
1 st Quarter Maintenance Monitoring of the POET Systems	40 % (Waiting on homeowners to return back multiple messages.)