

## Town of Petersburg PFAS Response

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) are working to protect public health and environment as part of the comprehensive investigation to address drinking water contamination in the Petersburg area. DEC and DOH are committed to keeping the community informed of the progress of the remedial investigation. New York State continues to evaluate the potential exposure pathways associated with the Taconic Plastics Superfund site and implement actions to prevent exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

### COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY SESSION

Wednesday, October 16, 4-7 p.m.  
Petersburgh Veterans Memorial Community Center  
71 Main Street, Petersburg, NY 12138

Join DEC and DOH to learn about efforts to investigate and address PFAS contamination. Attendees can arrive at any time during the session.

For more on State availability sessions, go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XomDsUkc\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XomDsUkc_k)

**DEC scheduled a community availability session at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center on October 16th from 4 to 7 p.m. to update the community about ongoing DEC and DOH efforts.** The meeting will provide information about various aspects of the state Superfund investigation, progress on the removal of PFOA-contaminated sediment and soil directly behind Building 1 as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), water supply monitoring & treatment, agricultural sampling, air emissions permitting, and health monitoring programs.

Experts from DEC and DOH will be available for community members to interact with in a one-on-

one format. Multiple stations will be set up at the Community Center with representatives available at stations detailing specific areas of interest. Individual stations about various aspects of the cleanup and public health protection efforts will be staffed by experts from DEC and DOH, and to provide opportunities for interested residents and community members to have specific questions answered.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit DEC's website at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/region-4/petersburgh> for more information about investigation and cleanup activities in the Petersburg area.

### NYS PFAS Product Bans/Extended Producer Responsibility

PFAS are common in our daily lives and present in many household products, such as carpeting, fabrics, cosmetics, stain-proofing applications, food packaging, cleaning agents, and floor waxes. Use of these common products in households and institutions creates waste streams (such as septic systems) with low levels of PFAS. Inevitably, these chemicals enter the environment.

New York State recognizes that removing PFAS from the environment requires a long-term, concerted effort involving laws and regulations aimed at manufacturers, in addition to work underway to limit direct discharges of emerging contaminants to groundwater or surface water bodies. Over the past few years New York enacted laws to phase out intentionally-added PFAS in carpeting, aqueous film forming foam ("AFFF"), food packaging, and apparel, among other products.

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### Ongoing Community Engagement

DEC and DOH experts will continue to be available to answer questions from the community. Please see “Who to Contact” below for key points of contact.

### WHO TO CONTACT

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