



# PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Update

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NHDES is issuing these email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other PFCs in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

## **Press Releases**

October 27, 2016 - Well Water Results from the Kingston, NH Fire Station Contain Elevated Concentrations of PFOA

CONCORD, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announced today that it has received well water results for the Kingston, New Hampshire Fire Department that showed elevated concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The Town of Kingston requested NHDES test the well because the town was making water from the well available to residents in need due to current drought conditions. The two separate rounds of test results showed that the well contained 140 parts per trillion (ppt) of PFOA, as well as the presence of additional non-regulated perfluorochemicals (PFCs).

To read the complete release, visit: <http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/2016/20161027-well-water-kingston.htm>

## **Private Well Sampling:**

	SAINT-GOBAIN AREA	TCI AMHERST	FORMER MERRIMACK LANDFILL	FORMER LL&S LANDFILL	TCI MANCHESTER
WELLS SAMPLED	722	200	111	44	4
RESULTS RECEIVED	655	198	108	44	4
≥70	178	17	2	0	0
SCHEDULED	12	1	2	0	0

No new results in the primary investigation areas to report. To view the current maps for all of these locations, please visit: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> and look under the subheading: Sampling Maps and Data. Some of the maps now include surface water results that we have received. The legend on the maps have been changed to differentiate them from the water wells and monitoring wells.

## **Update on PFOA and PFOS Rulemaking:**

The Final Proposed Rule to adopt the emergency Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard for PFOA and PFOS as regular rules was approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules meeting on October 20, 2016. The annotated and fixed text final proposals and the summary of comments/responses with the two Environmental Health Program memos are available on-line at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#poil>

**Update on Water Line Extensions:**

**Bedford:** NHDES and the Town of Bedford held a public meeting on November 1 to provide updated information on the installation of point of use treatment systems (POUs) and the extension of public water. A link to the Town of Bedford video of the meeting is available on the NHDES website: <http://reflect-vod-bedfordtv.cablecast.tv/vod/7824-Public-Meeting-PFOA-Update-11-1-16-Medium-v1.mp4>

**Litchfield:** Waterline work has begun. NHDES plans to provide progress reports on a weekly or as needed basis.

**Merrimack:** Saint-Gobain has notified NHDES that thirteen properties in Merrimack whose wells have been impacted by PFOA have been connected to public water. Saint-Gobain is moving forward with making connections at an additional seven properties with impacted wells.

**Update on Site Investigations:**

**Amherst:** Initial soil sampling results have been received. Results will be posted once the property owners have been notified.

**Public Water System Test Results:**

Test results for the Merrimack Village District water have been updated:

[http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20161024%20\(2\).pdf](http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20161024%20(2).pdf)

**Upcoming Public Meetings:**

No public meetings are scheduled at this time. NHDES and the Town of Litchfield plan to host a meeting in the near future regarding installation of point of use systems.

**Bottled Water Delivery/Availability:**

If you are eligible and have not received delivery of bottled water or have questions about receiving bottled water, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only).

**Public Inquiries**

If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFCs found in Southern NH drinking water, please call the Public Inquiry Line at (603) 271-9461 or visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> Also, please share this report with your interested family, neighbors or friends. Anyone interested in receiving the reports directly via email should email James Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer at [james.martin@des.nh.gov](mailto:james.martin@des.nh.gov)

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