



PFOA in Drinking Water in the Village of Hoosick Falls and Town of Hoosick

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The following is information about perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in the Village of Hoosick Falls/Town of Hoosick water supply from the New York State Department of Health including ongoing activities, related information, and contact information.

Ongoing State Health Department Activities

Weekly Schedule of State Health Department Staff Availability at HAYC3 Armory

Representatives from the State Health Department will be at the HAYC3 Armory at 80 Church Street in Hoosick Falls to answer questions and provide information about ongoing activities. Village and Town residents can also sign up to let us know that they are interested in biomonitoring (blood testing) and private well testing at these times.

Week of February 15, 2016	Week of February 22, 2016
Tuesday, February 16: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tuesday, February 23: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 18: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, February 25: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 20: 10 am - 2:00 pm	Saturday, February 27: 10 am - 2:00 pm

Private Well Testing

The State Health Department is continuing to sample private wells within the Town of Hoosick. Sampling of private wells is being conducted in phases, working outward from areas known to have PFOA in drinking water. Anyone in the Town of Hoosick who wants their well sampled should [fill out this form](#) or contact the State Health Department's Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation at bee@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7860.

Village of Hoosick Falls Public Water Supply

State Health Department staff continue to provide advice and assistance to the Village of Hoosick Falls as it is working to install granulated activated carbon filtration systems on the public water supply. These systems are designed to reduce the amount of PFOA in the public water supply. The temporary treatment system may be operational by late February. The long-term treatment system is expected to be operational in October 2016. Free bottled water is available to all residents of the Village and Town of Hoosick at the Tops Friendly Markets grocery

store on Route 22. [In-home water filtration units](#) that use charcoal filters can also be effective in removing PFOA from drinking water.

Biomonitoring Study

The State Health Department is collecting blood samples as part of a PFOA biomonitoring study for people who live in or near Hoosick Falls. People who wish to participate will be asked to sign a consent form and complete a questionnaire that tells us about your potential exposure to PFOA. This blood testing is a way to learn more about people's actual exposure to PFOA. It will also tell us how the levels of PFOA in the blood of people living in or near Hoosick Falls compare to people living elsewhere.

Contact Information Form

If you are interested in biomonitoring, please fill out the [Contact Information Form](#). We will use this information to stay in contact with you about biomonitoring events. You can also call the State Health Department at 518-402-7950 and we can take your contact information by telephone. If you have already talked to someone at the State Health Department and told them you wanted to participate, we have your request and you do not need to complete this form.

Biomonitoring Events

The State Health Department is scheduling dates for blood testing events to be held at the HAYC3 Armory in the Village of Hoosick Falls. We will be calling people who have signed up for blood testing to schedule a time for them to come in for blood testing. **Blood testing will be by appointment only.**

Cancer Investigation

The State Health Department will conduct an investigation to see if there are unusual elevations of cancer among Village residents. The investigation will include total cancers and specific types of cancer diagnosed from 1995 through 2012. To accomplish this, the State Health Department will use data from the New York State Department of Health Cancer Registry, which receives reports on all cases of cancer occurring in New York State. The planned start date is 1995 because street address at the date of diagnosis is available in computerized form for all cases starting with that year. The planned end date is 2012 because 2012 is currently the most recent year for which data are available. The State Health Department will produce a report on the findings of the investigation.

New York State News

- [Press Release: Governor Cuomo Deploys DFS Mobile Command Center to Hoosick Falls to Help Property Owners](#)

- [Press Release: Governor Cuomo Announces Planning for an Alternate Water Supply in the Village of Hoosick Falls](#)
- [Press Release: Governor Cuomo Announces Immediate State Action Plan to Address Contamination in Hoosick Falls](#)
- [Press Release: New York State Announces Progress to Address Contamination at Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site and in Village Water Supply](#)

Related Links and Information

- [In-home Water Filtration Options for Household Drinking Water](#): State Health Department information for residents about point of use and point of entry systems to reduce PFOA in drinking water.
- [EPA Statement on Private Wells in The Town of Hoosick and Village of Hoosick Falls, NY January 28, 2016](#)
- [United States Environmental Protection Agency about Hoosick Falls Water Contamination](#)
- [Town of Hoosick Village Water Information](#)
- [Village of Hoosick Falls Municipal Water Information](#)

For More Information

Hoosick Falls Hotline: 800-801-8092 (Monday - Friday: 9 am - 8 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm)

For specific questions about biomonitoring

- Email: beoe@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7950 (Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or write: State Health Department Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Corning Tower, Room 1203, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

For specific questions about cancer follow-up

- Email: beoe@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7950 (Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or write: State Health Department Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Corning Tower, Room 1203, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

For specific questions about potential health effects:

- Email: btsa@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7800 (Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or write: State Health Department, Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment, Corning Tower, Room 1743, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

For specific questions about the public water supply:

- Email: bpwsp@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7650 (Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or write: State Health Department Bureau of Water Supply Protection, Corning Tower, Room 1110, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

For specific questions about private wells:

- Email: beei@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7860 (Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or write: State Health Department Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation, Corning Tower, Room 1717, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237

Questions or comments: ceheduc@health.ny.gov
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