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The Honorable David Borge
Mayor, Village of Hoosick Falls
24 Main Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Re: PWSID #NY4100041
Removal of Temporary GAC Treatment
(V) Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County

Dear Mayor Borge:

Based on analytical results of testing on water samples collected from the recently installed full-capacity granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system and from the clearwell at the Village of Hoosick Falls Water Treatment Facility, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the full-capacity system is operating in accordance with the approved design and producing water with non-detectable levels of PFOA. Therefore, the NYSDOH recommends that the temporary GAC treatment system be removed from operation at this time, and thus begin operating solely with the full-capacity system in place. This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

- The temporary GAC system, temporary enclosure, and related appurtenances shall be removed in a timely manner.
- All piping connections to the temporary GAC system shall be disconnected/removed and remaining piping shall be properly capped as appropriate.
- Once the temporary GAC system and equipment have been properly disconnected, and certification of such provided by the engineer, the NYSDOH will conduct a completed works inspection with the intent to issue a final Approval of Completed Works.

Water samples were collected in conjunction with installation, disinfection, rinsing, and start-up procedures for the new full-capacity GAC treatment system, which began operating in an interim mode on December 30, 2016 while extensive testing was conducted. Staff from the NYSDOH have made several visits to the treatment plant to verify installation and operation of the full-capacity system. Semi-monthly sampling for the full-capacity GAC system shall commence and be performed as outlined in Section 2.2 (Proposed Sampling Protocol) in the draft Protocol Work Plan, CT Male, dated January 12, 2017. This document is currently in final stages of review by the NYSDOH.

Please contact David Phillips at david.phillips@health.ny.gov or (518) 402-7650 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd R. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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