June 2, 2016

Re: Perfluorinated Compound contamination in the region around Willow Grove, the Horsham Air Guard Station and the former Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster

Dear Official,

Delaware Riverkeeper Network submits to you copies of the attached petitions signed by people who live and work in the regions affected by perfluorinated compound (PFC) contamination caused by the military bases in the Horsham/Warminster/Warring region. These petitions were signed at the event last week that was hosted by the Navy, National Guard Bureau, EPA, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, along with several local water authorities. We are submitting copies to the elected officials who represent the region and to the agencies that were involved in last week’s event.

The petition calls for more information and a public meeting on the PFC contamination issue and for blood sampling and human health studies of residents there. Delaware Riverkeeper Network considers it to be critically important that you see that people in the region are stating that they want to be informed fully of what is in their drinking water and the environment; that they need to know what is being done to ensure the water is safe; and they want to know the specific plans for the clean-up of the sources of contamination.

One of the most frequently stated concerns by residents that we spoke with at the event was related to how these compounds may have affected people’s health. The petition clearly states a public call for professional health studies based on blood sampling of residents. The petition delivers the message that information that would be learned at an open meeting where people can ask questions and get answers in public and that can be discovered through a health assessment and blood sampling will help them make informed decisions about their personal health, their families and their communities.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network asks that you honor this request for a public meeting, a free and rich flow of information on this subject and human health and blood studies. We ask that you respond quickly to this pressing request from the people of this region.
Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to further discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director  
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Attachment: Petitions