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Supervisor Verna Hansen
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RE: Pittstown Landfill
Environmental Media Sampling

Dear Supervisor Hansen:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has collected and analyzed three surface water samples (from two leachate collection ponds) and four groundwater samples from the Pittstown Landfill. The primary purpose of the August 2, 2016 sampling event was to determine if perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) or perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) were present in surface water and/or groundwater, and whether any actions are needed to address its presence. Subsequent sampling was conducted on November 14, 2016 to determine if surface water downstream from the landfill has been impacted.

The standard battery of testing for PFOA and PFOS, as per U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 537, includes four additional Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs): perfluorobutanesulfonic (PFBS), perfluorohexanesulfonic (PFHxS), perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), perfluoronanoic acid (PFNA). These other PFCs may have been detected at very low concentrations—EPA has not established health advisories for these chemicals. All six PFCs are effectively removed from drinking water by granular activated carbon filtration systems.

The DEC, in partnership with the New York State Department of Health, has evaluated the sample results from the landfill, see attached table and figure, and determined that no action is needed at this time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Keith Goertz
Regional Director

Enclosures



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