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Brigadier General Anthony Carrelli
Acting Adjutant General
Pennsylvania Air National Guard
Building 7-36, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 197003

Dear Brig Gen. Carrelli,

Hello. I hope you're doing well. I'm writing regarding the Horsham Air Guard Station and some of the environmental issues we are facing in Horsham Township.

As I'm sure you know, the Environmental Protection Agency found perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in wells near the former Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve base located in Horsham Township. The presence of PFOS and PFOA in wells in Horsham Township is linked to materials containing these chemicals that were used on the Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve base.

This issue has raised serious concerns about our groundwater in Horsham Township in addition to questions concerning any continued use of these chemicals at the Horsham Air Guard Station.

Accordingly, I was hoping you could let me know if personnel at the Horsham Air Guard Station use materials, including firefighting foam, containing PFOS and/or PFOA at the Horsham Air Guard Station? If so, could you please let me know what, if any, measures are being taken to ensure these chemicals do not enter the groundwater?

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious issue affecting the health and safety of my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Stephens".

Todd Stephens, Member
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