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Shawn Garvin, Regional Administrator  
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RE: Horsham Public Water Contamination

Dear Mr. Garvin,

I'm deeply concerned with the water contamination issue that has been ongoing in Horsham Township since 2014. Twice in two years the residents in this community have been told by the EPA that they had been drinking water containing contaminants exceeding the levels the EPA now deems safe for consumption. **Most concerning is the fact that the EPA knowingly permitted public water exceeding the EPA's recommended levels of contamination for our most vulnerable population to flow from our faucets for more than a year.**

Specifically, the EPA's February 2015 "Fact Sheet" (I've attached your September 2014 and February 2015 Fact Sheets for your reference), added information, in the second column on page two, that infants should not consume water containing **ANY LEVEL** of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). However, nowhere on this fact sheet did it inform the reader that the public water in Horsham Township contained these contaminants. Additionally, I'm unaware of any informational campaign undertaken by the EPA to alert parents in the Horsham area to this issue. Moreover, I'm astounded the EPA would continue to allow water it deemed unsafe for our most vulnerable citizens to continue flowing from our faucets in homes served by the public water system.

To help me and my constituents gain a better understanding of this issue could you please provide me with answers to the following questions:

What was done to communicate this additional information to parents, grandparents and those providing for small children (daycare centers, etc.) in Horsham Township?

Given the extraordinary amount of time it takes for these compounds to break down within the human body, is the new lifetime health advisory level (70 ppt) safe for those (including small children) with pre-existing levels of PFOS/PFOA in their blood resulting from years of exposure to water exceeding this health advisory level?

Given the unknown extent of our exposure to these chemicals in Horsham Township I hope your agency will support my efforts to provide blood tests for residents so we can better understand the nature of our exposure and work with our healthcare providers to protect ourselves and our families.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



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