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Hoosick Falls Seeks Residents/Business Owners to Participate in PFOA Discussions
*Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group to Provide Forum
for Engagement on Progress of PFOA Cleanup and Municipal Water Supply*

HOOSICK FALLS, NY— In a joint statement today, Hoosick Town Supervisor Mark Surdam and Village of Hoosick Falls Mayor Robert Allen shared a progress report on engaging community input on remediation of the Hoosick Falls Superfund sites. The Paige Group, an independent third-party facilitator, has been engaged to help form and manage the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG). A central New York-based consulting firm, The Paige Group is seeking to convene a diverse group of local community members and business owners interested in participating in the work group.

The CPWG will provide a forum for the greater Hoosick Falls community to receive progress reports on PFOA cleanup and options for the municipal water supply. The Hoosick area Superfund sites include Saint-Gobain-McCaffrey Street; Former Oak Materials-John Street; Saint-Gobain-Liberty Street; Hoosick Falls Landfill; and Alexander Schmigel Property. Investigative work is also being performed at potential superfund sites, or "P" sites, which include Oak Materials-River Road; Interface Solutions; Former Dodge Machine; and Allied-Signal Laminate Systems-Mechanic Street.

"The CPWG is designed to provide local residents with a voice and encourage discussion about the Hoosick area State Superfund Sites and related water quality projects," said Surdam.

"The group will not serve as a decision-making body, but will make important recommendations and provide relevant community input regarding community concerns and perceptions as the remedial projects are being performed," said Allen. "It will also fulfill the critical role of communicating with residents and the public regarding the technical aspects of the remedial activities and public health implications."

CPWG participants will be expected to attend monthly meetings that will be facilitated by The Paige Group, stakeholder engagement specialists who were selected through a New York State Department of Conservation Request for Proposal process.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Residents, community and business leaders, and other local community stakeholders interested in participating in this group should submit a one-page letter of interest and include the following information:

- Name
- Address, email, and phone number
- Reason for interest in participating on the CPWG
- Particular topics of interests
- Other information or qualifications, such as areas of expertise
- Any potential conflict of interest

Members of the CPWG will be selected based on areas of interest and qualifications to help ensure broad representation of community needs and interests. Following the selection process, member profiles will be posted on the town and village websites.

Interested community members should submit a letter of interest to:
Hoosick Community Participation Work Group
C/O: The Paige Group
258 Genesee St., Suite 204
Utica, NY 13502

Or via email at info@thepaigegroup.com. Letters of interest will be accepted through May 17, 2019.

For more information, visit the town and village websites: townofhoosick.org or villageofhoosickfalls.com

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