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## **New York State Announces Progress Regarding Water Filtration Systems in Town of Hoosick and Village of Hoosick Falls**

### **DEC and DOH Continue to Advise Residents to Refrain From Drinking Water From Filtration Systems Until Tested and Cleared by Health Agencies**

The State Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Conservation today announced progress to address perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination the public water system in the Village of Hoosick Falls and in private wells in the Town of Hoosick.

Today, the village carbon filtration system at the municipal water treatment plant was successfully installed and the distribution system will be flushed with clean, filtered water, to remove residual PFOA. The flushing process at the municipal treatment plant is scheduled to begin as early as this weekend with residential areas to be flushed in the coming weeks. DOH and DEC will make the additional information and directions available to residents in the coming days.

In addition, DEC has begun installation of point of entry filtration systems (POET) for homes with private wells and 53 have been installed to date. After installation, DEC will sample the finished water to determine if it is safe for drinking. Residents are advised to continue drinking bottled water and refrain from drinking and cooking with water from the public system and with POET systems at private homes until DEC or DOH advises that your water is safe to drink.

#### **To Learn More**

Staff from both agencies have been holding informational sessions every Tuesday (2pm to 8pm), Thursday (2pm to 8pm), and Saturday (10am to 2pm), to help residents. More information is available by calling the Hoosick Falls water hotline at: 800-801-8092 (Monday - Friday: 9 am - 8 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm) and at the New York State Department of Health website:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/hoosick/>