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Subject: Seneca Army Depot, NYSDEC Site No. 850006
Draft 2017 PFAS Site Inspection Report for SEADS 25, 26, and 122E Results

Dear Mr. Aronson:

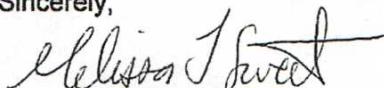
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has recently received and reviewed the results of a sampling event on the Seneca Army Depot property of which you are an owner. SEAD-25 (the Fire Training and Demonstration Pad), 26 (the Fire Training Pit and Area), and 122E (the Airfield and Refueling Pads) were investigated for perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are regulated by the USEPA and NYSDEC. The PFAS compounds are a class of compounds which are emerging contaminants in our environment. The PFAS compounds include Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS), which are regulated by the USEPA at a combined health advisory level of 70 nanograms per liter in drinking water. The results of the investigation showed exceedances of this level in groundwater in both SEAD-25 and SEAD-26.

To the west, and downgradient, of SEADs-25 and 26 is the section of the Depot that has been designated for future farming use. To our knowledge, the current tenant, upon taking ownership, plans to subdivide the property and sell for farming use. Those people taking ownership could potentially be exposed to concentrations of PFOS and PFOA that exceed the USEPA health advisory level should they install drinking water wells and if the contaminants have traveled in the groundwater to that section of the Depot.

The NYSDEC will request that the Army perform a Remedial Investigation to determine the nature and extent of the PFAS contamination. This remedial investigation would determine if the PFAS compounds have traveled to the portion of the Depot designated for future farming at concentrations exceeding the health advisory level. Upon completion of that investigation, a remedy will be determined and implemented.

Please contact me with any questions you may have on this matter at (518) 402-9614 or email at melissa.sweet@dec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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