

**HAZARDOUS SITES CLEAN-UP
UNDER THE ACT OF
OCTOBER 18, 1988
NOTICE OF PROPOSED INTERIM RESPONSE**

**Easton Road PFC HSCA Site
Doylestown, Plumstead, and Buckingham Townships, and Doylestown Borough,
Bucks County**

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department), under the authority of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) (35 P.S. §§ 6020.102-6020.1303), is proposing an interim response action at the Easton Road PFC HSCA Site located in Doylestown, Plumstead and Buckingham Townships, and Doylestown Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The Easton Road PFC HSCA Site (the Site) encompasses portions of Doylestown, Buckingham, and Plumstead Townships and Doylestown Borough. The investigation was initiated in June 2016, after testing of a Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) supply well detected combined concentrations of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), two compounds within the larger family of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), also referred to as perfluorinated compounds (PFCs), above the health advisory level (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in May 2016.

The Department, with the assistance of its contractor, has collected samples from properties with private wells at approximately 350 properties within the Site area. Results of this testing have ranged from Non-Detect (ND) to 229 ppt for the combined concentrations of PFOS and PFOA.

The Department has identified 8 properties with private wells that exceeded the HAL within the Site area. All 8 properties are located within Doylestown Township. The Department is currently supplying 4 of these properties with bottled water, as 4 properties have since elected to privately install a filtration system.

To address the release of contaminants at the Site that are presenting a substantial danger to the public health and safety, the Department proposes a response action at the Site under Section 501(a) of HSCA, 35 P.S. § 6020.501(a). The Department hereby proposes the installation and maintenance of whole-house filtration systems combined with restrictions on the use of groundwater on affected private residential water supplies with combined concentrations of PFOS and PFOA exceeding the HAL. This proposed alternative complies with Applicable, Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and is feasible and cost-effective. Other possible alternatives include no action, continued delivery of bottled water combined with restrictions on the use of groundwater, and installation of a public water supply waterline combined with restrictions on the use of groundwater.

This notice is being provided pursuant to Section 506(b) of HSCA, 35 P.S. § 6020.506(b). The Administrative Record which contains information that forms the basis of, and documents the selection of, this response action is available for public review and comment. The Administrative Record is located at the Department's office located at 2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA

19401, and is available for review Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Those interested in examining the Administrative Record at the Department's office should contact Josh Crooks at 484.250.5784 to arrange for an appointment. Additional copies of the Administrative Record are available for review at the Doylestown, Plumstead and Buckingham Township Buildings.

The Administrative Record will be open for comment from October 19, 2019 until January 17, 2020. Persons may submit written comments into the record during this time only, by sending them to Josh Crooks, Environmental Protection Specialist at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401, or by email at jocrooks@pa.gov. In addition, persons may present oral comments for inclusion in the Administrative Record at the public hearing. The Department has scheduled the hearing for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Lenape Middle School, 313 W. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. Individuals wishing to present comments may register in advance by calling the Department's Community Relations Coordinator, Virginia Cain, at 484.250.5808 or by email at vicain@pa.gov. Those wishing to testify do not need to register in advance.

Persons with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to participate in the proceedings, should call Ms. Cain at 484.250.5808 or the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.