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LETTER FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG ON THE DANGERS OF PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS (PFC) AT NAWC  
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THE GOVERNOR

May 12, 2016

Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As you know, concerns about the dangers of perfluorinated compounds (PFC) have been proliferating nationwide, as more evidence becomes available about the potential toxicity of these compounds. Pennsylvania has a number of known PFOS and PFOA contamination cases, including particularly the Horsham Air National Guard Station in Horsham, PA, the Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster, PA, and the United Water (now Suez) – Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) site near Middletown, PA.

The EPA has taken the lead in addressing the two former cases as they have been linked to federal facilities, and Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been actively engaged as well. The latter case is under state DEP lead. To date, the EPA response to both federal cases has been to address contamination where test results exceed EPA's Provisional Health Advisory (PHA) levels. In a number of cases, both public and private water sources have been deactivated when found to exceed the PHA levels.

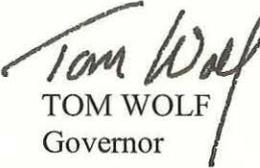
I am aware that EPA is close to releasing a new Health Advisory level for both PFOS and PFOA. I would like to urge you, in the strongest terms, to release the new advisory as soon as possible. Once the new Health Advisory is released I ask that you direct EPA Region 3 to immediately move to address its planning response in Horsham and Warminster to achieving remediation of PFOA and PFOS at the new Health Advisory levels, to direct any property owner whose water supply remains above those levels not to use that water for drinking or cooking, and to take appropriate steps to remediate, filter, or find alternate sources of drinking water for any site which has returned results above the new limits.

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Under existing state authorities, the new Health Advisory will allow DEP to direct water suppliers to take follow-up actions. Those actions may include public notification, removal of contaminated sources, and ultimately the installation of treatment for long-term control of PFCs.

We will continue to support the EPA in its ongoing efforts to address PFCs. We will also take actions as needed under existing authorities to protect public health. Protection of drinking water and the waters of the Commonwealth is a high priority for my administration and is a mission the Department of Environmental Protection takes incredibly seriously.

Sincerely,



TOM WOLF  
Governor

Cc: Shawn Garvin, EPA Region 3 Administrator  
Honorable Todd Stephens, Representative, 151<sup>st</sup> Legislative District  
Honorable Bernie O'Neill, Representative, 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
Honorable Stewart Greenleaf, Senator, 12<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District