



**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group**

c/o The Paige Group

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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

Recently through our research, the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) discovered that the chemical PTFE, used in the manufacturing processes at both Saint-Gobain and Taconic Plastics that has contributed to the contamination of Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, was not included in the new PFAS additions in the TRI listings. This was addressed with David Turk of the EPA at our July 22, 2020 public meeting and later confirmed in response to our questioning in his written reply dated August 24, 2020.

Given the extent of the contamination in Hoosick Falls, the CPWG has requested both verbally and in writing, that PTFE be added to the list, but we have not yet received a response, nor have we received an answer to our question of whether there would be notification of consideration of its listing.

On behalf of the CPWG, I am respectfully requesting your assistance in elevating this chemical for consideration to be added to the TRI. It is the CPWG's understanding that the process to get a chemical in queue for consideration and listed on the TRI could take several years. In an effort to speed the process along, the CPWG would like to request that you please consider writing the EPA to ensure that the request be deemed official and recorded. We trust you believe that time is of the essence for PTFE to be included in the next round of additions.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Loreen Hackett  
Hoosick Area CPWG Member

cc. Congressman Antonio Delgado  
Gilbert Ruiz  
Sarah Roberts

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*Hoosick Area CPWG was established in March of 2019 as a community liaison with government agencies in regard to remediation of PFOA contamination sites. The CPWG helps ensure information is shared with the community in a timely manner, and provides feedback to the state on community health concern priorities, remediation activities, and the study of alternative water supply options.*