

March 11, 2016

Dear Souhegan Woods Customer:

On Monday of this week, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Pennichuck Water Works (Pennichuck) was informed by the Merrimack Village District Water System (MVD) that Perfluorooctanoic Acid ("PFOA") was detected at low levels in the water sampled from four faucets at the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics facility in Merrimack, NH. MVD supplies the water to the Saint-Gobain facility. The Saint-Gobain facility also apparently uses PFOAs in its business operations. Pennichuck was notified by the MVD of this detection of PFOAs because Pennichuck buys a portion of the water it supplies to your home/business from the MVD. Pennichuck purchases water from the MVD, primarily during the late spring through the early fall of each year, to supplement Pennichuck's well supply to your Souhegan Woods community water system in order to provide adequate water for lawn irrigation. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES") issued a press release last Friday (March 4, 2016) regarding the detection of PFOA in water samples taken at the Saint-Gobain facility that is supplied by MVD.

In response to MVD's notification to Pennichuck, the Company is taking samples of water from the Souhegan Woods community water system to determine if any PFOA's are present in the drinking water, and if so, at what levels. We expect the results of this sampling to be available in about 3 weeks, at which time we will report the results of these samples to you.

Additionally, Pennichuck will update you on the results of the NHDES and MVD ongoing PFOA investigation to the extent that it may relate to the Souhegan Woods community water system, as the investigation results are released to us.

For specific questions regarding PFOA's in MVD's drinking water supply please call Jim Martin of the NHDES at the 603-271-3710.

**A copy of the NHDES press release regarding the discovery of PFOA's, is attached to this letter.**

Thank You



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Chief Operating Officer