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Hoosick Falls Seeks Residents/Business Owners to Participate in PFOA Discussions
Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group Provides Forum for Engagement on Progress of PFOA Cleanup and Municipal Water Supply

HOOSICK FALLS, NY—The Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) is opening a recruitment period for CPWG membership for its second year as it continues to engage community input on remediation of the Hoosick Falls Superfund sites.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation established the Hoosick Area CPWG in March of 2019. Its purpose is to serve as a community liaison with government agencies in regard to remediation of PFOA contamination sites and the study of alternative water supply options.

The CPWG is a self-governing, consensus-driven, voluntary body and its role includes:

- Working closely with government agencies, village, town, and county governments, and the responsible parties to ensure the sharing of relevant information in a timely manner
- Providing feedback to state agencies on remediations activities and water supply options
- Helping ensure the community's questions and/or concerns are addressed throughout the remediation process and in relation to municipal water supply options
- Making recommendations on outreach and public participation activities, and facilitating outreach, communication, and citizen participation aspects with the public

The Hoosick area Superfund sites include Saint-Gobain-McCaffrey Street; Former Oak Materials-John Street; Saint-Gobain-Liberty Street; Hoosick Falls Landfill; and Alexander Schmigel Property. Investigative work is also being performed at potential Superfund sites, or Class P sites, which include Oak Materials-River Road; Interface Solutions; Former Dodge Machine; and Allied-Signal Laminate Systems-Mechanic Street.

CPWG members are expected to attend monthly meetings and uphold the principles and standard of conduct as defined in the CPWG bylaws. Meetings are facilitated by The Paige Group, an independent third-party consulting firm that specializes in stakeholder engagement.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Residents, community and business leaders, and other local community stakeholders interested in participating in this group should submit a one-page letter of interest and include the following information:

- Name
- Address, email, and phone number
- Reason for interest in participating on the CPWG
- Particular topics of interests

- Other information or qualifications, such as areas of expertise
- Any potential conflict of interest

Members of the CPWG are selected based on areas of interest and qualifications to help ensure broad representation of community needs and interests.

Interested community members should submit a letter of interest to the attention of CPWG facilitator, The Paige Group, via mail or email as follows:

Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group
Attn: The Paige Group
258 Genesee St., Suite 204
Utica, NY 13502
Email: hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com

Letters of interest will be accepted through March 5, 2020. New CPWG members are expected to be appointed by the March 25, 2020 CPWG meeting.

For more information, visit the town and village websites: townofhoosick.org, villageofhoosickfalls.com; <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html> or <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/hoosick/>.

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