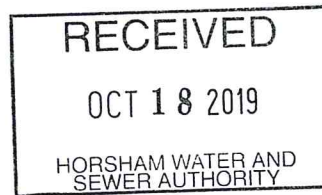


October 8, 2019

Ms. Tina O'Rourke
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617 Horsham Road
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Dear Ms. O'Rourke:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Wolf dated July 24, 2019, regarding treatment of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) shares your concerns regarding these emerging contaminants and has taken unprecedented steps to address PFAS contamination.

DEP recognizes the work you have done so far and agrees that a meeting to discuss all the issues associated with the use of ion exchange technology for PFAS removal is a good idea. DEP and Horsham, Warminster, and Warrington should work collaboratively to ensure any treatment technology intended for PFAS removal has also been fully evaluated for any adverse impacts on water quality or other drinking water standards. DEP agrees that there is nothing more important than ensuring safe drinking water for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

DEP regional and central office staff will contact you to schedule a meeting so that all parties may discuss the issues raised in your letter.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Gina Thomas, Southeast Regional Counsel, by e-mail at githomas@pa.gov or by telephone at 484.250.5861.

Sincerely,



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