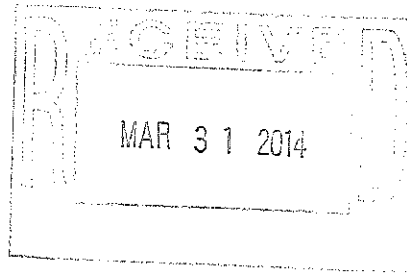




Agency for Toxic Substances
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Atlanta GA 30333

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Ms. Tracy Carluccio
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Dear Ms. Carluccio:

Thank you for your August 2, 2013, petition to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing your concern that residents could be exposed to various perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) that have been measured in the environment and may have been released from the Solvay Solexis facility in Thorofare, New Jersey. As described in our letter dated October 31, 2013, ATSDR in coordination with the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) gathered and reviewed the available environmental sampling data and background information for the site and potential exposure pathways. This letter provides information on the results of that review.

ATSDR has concluded that there is sufficient sampling data to evaluate whether exposures to PFCs in the Paulsboro municipal wells were at levels of possible health concern. Please note our evaluation will not be able to determine the cause of any disease or medical condition experienced by any individual or the community as a whole. Additionally, as a non-regulatory agency, our analysis will not evaluate the environmental investigation or clean-up activities conducted by other agencies. The New Jersey Department of Health, in partnership with ATSDR, will take the lead in this investigation. The results of that evaluation will be provided as an ATSDR health consultation report and made available to you and the community.

Mr. Joseph Eldridge, Director of the Consumer, Environmental and Occupational Health Service in the New Jersey Department of Health, will be your primary contact if you have questions about our evaluation. Mr. Eldridge may be reached at joe.eldridge@doh.state.nj.us or (609) 826-4920. If you have any additional questions regarding ATSDR's process to review this petition request please contact CDR Jennifer Freed, ATSDR Petition Coordinator, Eastern Branch, at (770) 488-3650 or email at jen7@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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