



BOROUGH of PAULSBORO

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Dear residents:

I am writing you to address a very serious issue concerning the quality of Paulsboro's drinking water.

Groundwater testing has confirmed that the Solvay Solexis facility in neighboring West Deptford has contaminated our public water supply system with perfluorochemical compounds (PFCs), measured, in the case of the PFC perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), in excess of 100 parts per trillion. These PFCs have entered the Borough of Paulsboro's groundwater, have migrated to the Borough's public drinking water supply wells, and permeate Mantua Creek and the Delaware River in and adjoining Paulsboro. The testing results are posted on the Borough's web site.

Our drinking water still meets all current federal and state safety standards for maximum contaminant levels. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing each round of sampling results and has not declared the water unsafe to drink or use.

But the Borough believes the presence of these PFCs in the water supply is unacceptable. In response, Mayor Hamilton and the Borough Council are following a three-prong strategy to address this urgent problem.

1. Community Right-to-Know: Test results, fact sheets, and other relevant information about this issue will be posted on the Borough's web site, made available at Borough Hall, or otherwise provided to the community. These will be updated as we get additional information.

2. Short-term actions: Mayor Hamilton has asked Governor Christie to take the following immediate actions: a) direct DEP and the Department of Health (DOH) to have a public meeting to inform residents about the problem and any potential health impacts; b) have DEP order Solvay to provide and fund alternate drinking water sources; and c) direct DOH to conduct health studies to determine if PFCs are showing up in the blood of residents.

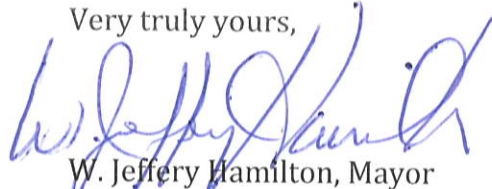
3. Long-term solution: In December, the Borough's special environmental counsel served notice on Solvay under federal law that it must pay for the costs of treating the Borough's drinking water to remove PFCs, and to clean

up other PFC contamination in our soils and rivers, or the Borough will seek a court order forcing them to do so.

Additional information is posted on the Borough's web site and on the enclosed responses to frequently asked questions.

Every Paulsboro resident has a right to clean, safe drinking water, and the Council and I are fighting to protect that right.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Jeffery Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "H".

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor
Borough of Paulsboro

Cc: Borough Council