

Hoosick Falls Municipal Water Supply Study – Final Report Released

New York State Superfund Program

Hoosick Falls, NY

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[https://www.dec.ny.gov/
chemical/108791.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html)

New York State is committed to ensuring that Hoosick Falls Water District residents have access to clean and reliable drinking water now and into the future. As part of that commitment, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has compelled parties responsible for the contamination of the existing public water supply well field to perform a study of other potential drinking water source options. Clean water continues to be provided to Water District residents through the filtration system that removes contaminants from the current water supply.

Following an extensive review by the public and DEC, the Municipal Water Supply Study Report is now finalized. Hard copies of the final study report are available in the Hoosick Falls document repositories listed on page 2 of this update and are also available for download from the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

The final report describes the findings of the study and incorporates comments from the community on the draft version of the study report released in 2019, including information obtained through additional investigative work directed by DEC and completed by the responsible parties under DEC oversight this year.

Release of the report is intended to provide the basis for a forthcoming water supply source recommendation from New York State based on the five alternatives evaluated in the study (see listed options below.)

- New groundwater source (LaCroix & Wysocki Wells)
- New surface water source (Tomhannock Reservoir)
- Interconnection with an existing public water supply (City of Troy)
- Continued use of existing wells with upgrades
- Continued use of existing wells with upgrades and capture of PFAS affecting existing village wellfield

Project Background

In 2016, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination was confirmed in the Village of Hoosick Falls' drinking water supply. To eliminate the community's exposure to the contamination, a granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system was installed in the village water treatment plant which removes the PFOA and other per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS) from the drinking water supply. Recognizing that a new source of water for the village may be necessary, New York State committed to perform a study to evaluate sources of drinking water capable of replacing the existing public supply wells.

DEC held availability sessions to present the options identified in the report at the Community Participation Working Group's (CPWG) public meeting at the Hoosick Falls High School on October 23, 2019.

Public Engagement and Information Exchange

Community Participation Work Group Public Meeting:

DEC continues to attend CPWG meetings by invitation to provide updates on all clean up activities occurring in the Hoosick area including the water supply study, individual site investigations, air emissions, and other topics of interest to the community.

Next Steps

DEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), will develop a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) that recommends a long-term drinking water supply source for the village that is fully protective of public health. The recommendation may be one of the options presented in the water supply study report or an alternative that combines and/or enhances some elements of the options in the report. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the alternative once proposed. During the comment period, DEC and DOH will conduct another public meeting to present the proposed remedy. Upon completion of the comment period and evaluation of comments received, DEC will make any changes as necessary and issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that specifies the option to be implemented to address the drinking water supply.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are
at these location(s):

Village of Hoosick Falls Library
73 Classic Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
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Village of Hoosick Falls Offices
24 Main Street
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Project documents are
available on the NYSDEC
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<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

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<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442046>

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