



# TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

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## **BY ELECTRONIC & U.S. MAIL**

Edward J. Canning, Director  
Environmental Health & Safety  
St. Gobain Performance Plastics  
One Sealants Park  
Granville, NY 12832

**Re: PFOA Contamination in Litchfield, NH**

Dear Mr. Canning:

As you are aware, the Town of Litchfield ("Litchfield" or "the Town") and its citizens have been impacted by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) that is believed to have been emitted from the St. Gobain Performance Plastics facility in Merrimack, New Hampshire ("St. Gobain"). While we appreciate the efforts made to date by St. Gobain and the NH Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES") to understand and begin the process of rectifying this situation, the Town has incurred (and will continue to incur) significant unbudgeted expenses and other stresses on our municipality and its citizens related to this matter.

Litchfield understands that St. Gobain and the NHDES are entering into negotiations related to, among other things, the final design and construction of public water supply lines to service the impacted areas of Litchfield that are not already on public water. Since that process will involve unanticipated infrastructure changes and significant disruption in the Town, as well as the necessity to incur additional extraordinary expenses, Litchfield hereby requests that St. Gobain reimburse the Town for all past costs incurred, and any future costs to be incurred, by the Town related to this matter. This is a general demand letter; further specifics will be provided at a later date.

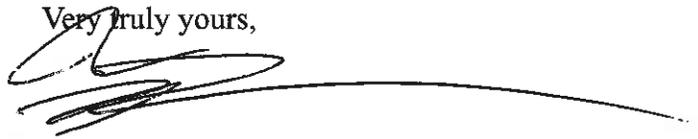
Litchfield further requests that representatives of the Town and St. Gobain meet in the very near future to discuss the process for documenting in an agreement the activities to be undertaken by St. Gobain, the activities to be undertaken by the Town, coordination procedures, and reimbursement/payment of costs. That documentation effort is likely most efficiently accomplished in conjunction with the consent agreement negotiation process we understand is

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moving forward with the NHDES, but the Town is also amenable to discussing a separate settlement agreement between the Town and St. Gobain.

We understand that time is of the essence with regard to coming to an agreement that will allow design and installation of the waterline during this construction season. Hence, I will contact you shortly to set up such a meeting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Troy Brown  
Town Administrator

cc: Clark B. Freise, Assistant Commissioner, NHDES  
Jeffery D. Talbert / David B. Van Slyke, Preti Flaherty