

**HAZARDOUS SITES CLEAN-UP UNDER THE ACT OF OCTOBER 18, 1988
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROMPT INTERIM RESPONSE UNDER HSCA**

**Newberry Township PFC Site,
Newberry and Fairview Townships, York County, Pennsylvania**

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), pursuant to Sections 501(a) and 505(b) of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA), 35 P.S. §§ 6020.101-6020.1305, is proposing a prompt interim response to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination of water supplies at the Newberry Township PFC site (Site). See 35 P.S. §§ 6020.501(a), 6020-505(b).

DEP started investigation studies at the Site, located in Newberry and Fairview Townships, York County, Pennsylvania, in 2019. Pursuant to these investigations, DEP determined that groundwater used by private, public, and commercial wells and springs at the Site may be contaminated with PFAS. Specifically, said groundwater may be contaminated with Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in excess of their respective 14 and 18 nanograms per liter (ng/L) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). See 25 Pa. Code § 109.202(4)(ii). Ingestion of water containing PFOA and PFOS at levels in excess of their respective MCLs pose a threat to human health.

DEP considered three alternatives as a prompt interim response for the Site:

Alternative 1. No Action

This alternative serves as a baseline and involves taking no action to remove, remediate, or contain the PFOA and PFOS contaminated groundwater. The health threat and risk posed by the contamination would not be addressed under this alternative.

Alternative 2. Provision of Bottled Water and Institutional Controls

Under this alternative, DEP would furnish commercial bottled water to residences and businesses whose water supplies were determined to be contaminated with PFOA and/or PFOS in excess of the MCLs throughout the course of the Site investigation. The source of commercial bottled water would be sampled and analyzed for PFAS once per year. DEP would also implement activity and use limitations (AULs), through environmental covenants or administrative orders, to alert property owners and prospective purchasers as to the contamination in the groundwater. This alternative would reduce, but not eliminate, the risk to human health posed by the contamination.

Alternative 3. Installation of Point of Entry Treatment (POET) Systems and Institutional Controls

Under this alternative, POET systems would be installed, and operated and maintained (O&M), by DEP at residences and businesses whose water supplies were determined to be contaminated with PFOA and PFOS in excess of the MCLs throughout the course of

the Site investigation. If selected as a final response action, respective property owners would become responsible for continued O&M for the POETs. DEP would also implement AULs, through environmental covenants or administrative orders, to alert property owners and prospective purchasers as to the contamination in the groundwater. This alternative is the most protective of human health.

DEP has selected Alternative 3 as the prompt interim response.

Notice of this action was initially published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on December 30, 2023. However, with weather related cancellation of the previously scheduled public hearing, the Department has opted to republish notice for this action in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 16, 2024. The public comment period has been further extended an additional ninety (90) days, to June 14, 2024. Additional information regarding this action is available on the web at: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthcentralRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Newberry-Township-PFC-Site.aspx> or by contacting the Project Officer for the Site, Dennis Low (Phone: 717-705-4853; Email: delow@pa.gov), Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at DEP's South-Central Regional Office (SCRO), 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The public will have an opportunity to present oral comments regarding the proposed action at a public hearing to be held at the Crossroads Middle School Auditorium, 535 Fishing Creek Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339 on April 17, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Members of the public will be allotted up to five (5) minutes each to present oral comments. The hearing may conclude earlier if all testifiers in attendance have spoken prior to the designated end time. Persons wishing to present formal oral comments at the hearing should register before 4:00 PM, April 17, 2024, by contacting John Repetz at 717-705-4904 or jrepetz@pa.gov. Written comments regarding this action will also be accepted by Mr. Low until June 14, 2024.