



Water Works Operators'
Association of Pennsylvania



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Department of Environmental Protection
Secretary Patrick McDonnell
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Office of the State Fire Commissioner
Commissioner Bruce Trego
1310 Elmerton Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Secretary McDonnell and Commissioner Trego:

On behalf of the organizations representing the commonwealth's public water systems, we write to call your attention to a recent PFAS contamination of a public drinking water supply in McKeesport during a firefighting incident on July 16. Because of this incident, 256 customer accounts were unable to use their water for two weeks, and five customers were unable to drink their water until 26 days later, due to the potential health effects of PFAS contamination.

This is not the first incident of its kind.

We would like to meet with you jointly to discuss the range of issues presented by this incident and to potentially cooperate to find ways and means to prevent similar contamination incidents from occurring in public water systems as well as lend our support toward your previous work on PFAS contamination, as detailed in the PFAS Action Team Initial Report.

We would be pleased to meet at your convenience to start a discussion.

Sincerely,

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