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Mr. Larry Cantwell, Supervisor
Town of East Hampton
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

Re: Potential Hazardous Waste Disposal Site

Dear Mr. Cantwell:

As required by subdivision 27-1305(2)(a) of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL, quoted below), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) must investigate all suspected or known inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. We have received information that certain perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) have been detected in nearby water supply wells, which may be attributable to current or past operations on your property. These compounds are known components of firefighting foams, and are listed as hazardous substances in New York State (6 NYCRR Part 597). This information leads us to suspect that hazardous waste may have been disposed of at the following location:

Site Name: East Hampton Airport
Site Address: 200 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott, NY 11975
DEC Site No.: 152250
Tax Map Identifier(s): 18100-200-6000, 18000-100-8013, 18100-200-1000,
18100-200-3000, 19100-300-1001, 18100-300-1001, 18100-300-3000,
18100-300-2000, 18100-200-4000, 18100-200-2000, 19200-300-50000,
18100-200-5000, 19200-300-42001, 18100-500-1001

Therefore, this letter constitutes DEC's notification to you as the identified property owner that this property is considered a potential inactive hazardous waste disposal site. If DEC determines that hazardous waste has been disposed of on the property and that the hazardous waste poses a significant threat to public health or the environment, the property will be listed on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (Registry).

If you have any information that may be relevant to our investigation and pending determination, please forward it to DEC as soon as possible. Such information includes the locations of firefighting foam storage, use, and training activities; and the brand names of all aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) handled at the site.

This letter also serves as DEC's notification to you of the need to carry out an investigation in accordance with DEC's technical requirements for a site characterization. In addition to carrying out the investigation (which will include installing and sampling on-site wells), there is a need to install point of entry treatment systems (POETs) or other alternate water supply (i.e., waterline extension) to address the contaminated water supply wells mentioned above. Also, bottled water must be provided until such time as that system or alternate supply is in place. We understand that, presently, the Town of East Hampton is providing bottled water to the affected residences.

Please contact me within 10 business days to discuss the necessary scope of the investigation and the installation of the POET systems or alternate water supply. Also, please have your attorney contact the DEC Project Attorney, Caryn Bower, to discuss entering into a legal agreement with DEC to carry out the necessary investigation.

Should you be unwilling or unable to conduct the needed study, if the site is determined to be an inactive hazardous waste disposal site and DEC incurs costs to investigate or remediate the site, DEC will seek to recover all such costs from any responsible person.

A brief summary of the information currently available about the site is enclosed for your reference. This information is also available on DEC's environmental remediation database, by using our "Environmental Site Remediation Database Search" tool at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-402-9625 or eric.obrecht@dec.ny.gov. To discuss the legal agreement required for the investigation of the site, contact Caryn Bower at 518-402-9186.

Sincerely,



Eric Obrecht, P.E.
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Enclosure

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Environmental Conservation Law

Section 27-1305(2)(a)

"The department shall conduct investigations of the sites listed in the registry and shall investigate areas or sites which it has reason to believe should be included in the registry. The purpose of these investigations shall be to develop the information required by subdivision one of this section to be included in the registry."