

## TIMELINE / BLOG

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- Jan 7,2021 AP School District collects PFOA, PFOS, ,4 dioxane samples from school wells as required. This is the first time this testing was done pursuant to new rules. Includes AP High, Algonquin, West Sane Lake and Miller Hill Elementary. Poestenkill and GW buildings not tested as these are supplied with municipal water.
- Jan 28, 2021 Water sample results received by county Dept of Health and AP School. NYS Dept of Health and school discuss results and response. School directed to retest for confirmation. School opts to switch to bottled water for drinking and cooking only. School sends notice to parents. [USNEWS - ams-shows-levels-above-state-threshold](#)
- Feb 1, 2021 Re-Test (Confirmation) samples collected at Algonquin
- Feb 24, 2021 Re-test results received by School and County Dept of Health
- Feb 25, 2021 Conference call between school and County Dept of Health. Communications with NYS DEC and NYS Dept of Health about whether community water samples were necessary. Agreement that “needed to know more about area”
- March 1, 2021 County Environment Director research begins using “well log data” and current/historical information on the area.
- March 2, 2021 AP School issues update notice to parents. [ams-shows-levels-above-state-threshold](#)
- April 18, 2021 NY State agrees to assist the County with a community sample program based on information collected including surrounding property uses, past and present.
- April 23, 2021 Sampling plan development begins to determine properties for samples, who collects them, where samples be sent, who pays for lab fees and overall cost.
- May 10,2021 County received AP School application for water treatment at Algonquin
- May 21, 2021 Sampling request letters sent out for review by Town of Poestenkill and NYS DEC and DOH.
- June 7, 2021 Letters sent (by mail) to designated property owners.
- July 30, 2021 Last property owner responds and lab kits are ordered.
- August 19, 2021 Water samples collected on the 18th and 19th

August 27, 2021 Test results received by County Dept. of Health Homeowners begin to be contacted.

August 31, 2021 Summary provided to County Executive office and Town of Poestenkill for public release. Bottled water provided to property owners with detections above MCL

September 21, 2021 Rensselaer County holds virtual meeting. Mary Fran Wachunas, County Director of Public Health and Richard Elder, County Environmental Health Director as well as others spoke. [Town Hall Meeting - Video](#)

September 27, 2021 Community forum organized by Councilman Eric Wohlleber at VFW hall and on zoom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWvttC15f6E> Judith Enck, Robert Brunet (Poestenkill Water District Manager), Michele Baker (Hoosick Falls), Gary Ginsberg (NYS Dept of Health), NYS DEC Chief of Staff)

October 5, 2021 DEC put out proposed new guidance values for public comment. New guidance values have not been promulgated. (lower levels of PFOA and PFOS than current state MCL) <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/123915.html>

October 21, 2021 Poestenkill Town Board meeting held at Firehouse to hold expected crowd of concerned citizens. Many people speak up on their concern, experiences and fears during comment period. Councilman Wohlleber's proposal for town to fund private well testing at \$350 is voted down 3 to 2. Wohlleber states that funding reimbursement might be possible from County or Pandemic relief funds. Councilman Van Slyke supports proposal with caveat that Town Water supervisor Bob Brunet comes up with plan. Supervisor Hammond votes against stating that there is no guarantee funds will be reimbursed and that private testing results are not accepted by County. This sets off a fractious discussion of what the issue is about the tests which Bob Brunet clarifies is not about the lab as it is the same as used by county. Further investigation, mostly after meeting, clarifies 2 differences. County sends its own professional representatives to take samples and record process which is part of regulations. County is paying for more PFA chemical analysis than just PFOA and PFOS, although only those 2 are regulated by state. County has yet to clarify what they do with these other results although testing for more is part of a standard 537.1 [EPA - pfas-drinking-water-laboratory-methods](#)

October 26, 2021 Poestenkill Business Association holds Meet the Candidates night where questions about the situations are raised. County Executive McLaughlin indicates he had asked for more expanded testing but experts convinced him they had a better plan.

October 28, 2021 First meeting of steering committee

November 5, 2021 Several members researched and discussed lab testing options and costs.

November 15, 2021 52 tested, 8 above MCL, 7 detected, 14 non-detect, 24 pending

November 16, 2021 Prepared questions for open house on December 8th

November 18, 2021 Not much to update regarding PFAS

December 5th, 2021 Seventh round of testing results announced/analyzed. 77 total tests, 13 above MCL, 29 detected, 35 non-detect, pending 24.

December 8th, 2021 DEC/DOH Open House forum at AMS. Not many questions answered.

January 27, 2022 Worked on updates and results of the open house event. Media coverage increased. Scheduled meetings with Keith Hammond and Bob Brunet. Solidified plans for communicating with the public. Made plans to launch our website. Planned community Zoom event and future meetings. Questions were raised regarding surface water test results.

January 28, 2022 Meeting with Keith Hammond and Bob Brunet. They showed support for our efforts. Worked to address delays in getting test results. Action plans from meeting: setup meeting with DEC, look into legislative support, reach out to the Sand Lake Water Committee, prepare letters to the county and DEC.

February 20, 2022 Reviewed and announced the tentative agenda for community Zoom