

Newberry Township PFC Site

Newberry and Fairview Townships, York County

What: DEP Drinking Water Investigation Informational Meeting and Public Hearing

When: April 17, 2024 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Crossroads Middle School Auditorium
535 Fishing Creek Road
Lewisberry, Pennsylvania 17339

Pursuant to the requirements of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is hosting an informational meeting and public hearing to update Newberry and Fairview Townships residents, and answer questions about DEP's investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water at the Newberry Township PFC Site, located in Newberry and Fairview Townships.

At the present time, the source(s) of the PFAS contamination has not been identified. The total area encompassed by the groundwater and surface-water contamination has not been determined. DEP began its drinking-water investigation in 2019 and has sampled more than 100 drinking-water wells, public-supply wells, monitor wells, springs, streams and ponds in the area. The sampling has identified 13 residential/commercial and 2 public-supply wells/springs that exceed the current Pennsylvania Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) of 14 and 18 nanograms per liter (ng/L) for which is equivalent to parts per trillion (ppt) for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), respectively.

DEP staff members will be available to answer questions prior to the start of the formal hearing at 7:00 PM. DEP will also accept public comments on its response action consisting of the installation of point-of-entry treatment systems (POETs) on drinking-water wells and springs with concentrations of PFAS that exceed their drinking-water standards.

Members of the public will be allotted up to five (5) minutes each to present oral comments. Those who wish to offer oral comments at the April 17, 2024 public hearing should register with John Repetz, Regional Communications Manager for SCRO, at 717-705-4904 or by email at jrepetz@pa.gov. Pre-registration to testify will close at 4:00 PM. April 17, 2024. Oral comments will be recorded by a Stenographer. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter will be available. If you have any other special needs, please contact John Repetz in advance. The hearing may conclude earlier if all testifiers in attendance have spoken prior to the designated end time.

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. The Administrative Record (AR) is available for public review at the DEP South Central office (SCRO), 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Those interested in examining the AR should contact Dennis Low at 717-705-4853 or by email at delow@pa.gov to arrange for an appointment at SCRO office or to request electronic copies of documents in the AR. 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>

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.

Registration is not required simply to attend the hearing and ask questions about the DEP's investigation.