

# EXHIBIT 44

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Mr. Frederick Sievers  
Regional Water Engineer  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 4  
1150 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014


Re: Taconic, Petersburg, NY

Dear Mr. Sievers:

We have recently undertaken voluntary efforts to evaluate the presence and level of perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA) at or near the Taconic facility. Attached please find copies of the laboratory analytical reports related to the presence of this compound in groundwater at or near the facility.

After you have had a chance to look through the enclosed, would you please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we can arrange a meeting to discuss this information? I can be reached at (518) 658-3202 ext. 288.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew Kawczak  
Environmental Manager

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