

# Warrington



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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Christian R. Jones, Director of Water and Sewer/Assistant to the Manager

**Date:** September 24, 2016

## **RE: Update on Water Situation**

### ***Meeting in Washington DC- September 22, 2016***

Township Manager Barry Lubber and Director of Water and Sewer/Assistant to the Manager Christian R. Jones travelled to Washington DC on Thursday September 22, 2016 to attend a meeting convened by US Senator Bob Casey. Present at the meeting were:

1. Representatives from local Townships and Authorities impacted by contamination from the Military bases in Warminster and Horsham Townships
2. Representatives from the Department of Defense, CDC and EPA
3. Congressmen Fitzpatrick, Boyle and Meehan as well as State Representative Todd Stephens
4. US Senator Bob Casey and a representative from Governor Wolf's office

Overall, it was a productive meeting covering arrange of topics including the status of remediation efforts, health study for affected communities, communication improvement between Federal agencies and local leaders and transparency in communication to affected communities.

- The DOD, CDC and EPA heard from representatives in attendance that we need action.
- We need the State to set a more stringent standard for PFOA/PFOS.
- We have good points of contact with the various Federal Agencies.
- CDC needs funding for a comprehensive health study and will work with Legislators to obtain that needed funding.
- Local Townships and Authorities will work together to request the State to set a more stringent standard for PFOA/PFOS.

### ***North Wales Water Authority Agreement***

The Township has received a draft agreement from North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) for additional capacity purchase from their Forest Park Water Treatment Plant. Our Township Solicitor is reviewing the agreement and next steps will be discussed in the near future.

### ***Mass Notification System***

The Township has received draft agreements for a Mass Notification system. Our Township Solicitor is reviewing the agreements and next steps will be discussed in the near future.

### ***Hexavalent Chromium***

We will continue to rely on EPA and DEP to tell us what targets we need to hit to assure that our water supply is “safe” and meeting all applicable standards. Although unregulated, the EPA’s advisory level for this contaminant is 100 parts per billion (ppb). The public wells with the highest concentration of this contaminant (1, 2 and 6) have been offline since October 29, 2014. Levels from 2014 UCMR3 data (11.56ppb) are nowhere close to the 100ppb EPA advisory level.

I will be sure to provide additional updates as there are updates to provide.

Thank you!