



From the Desk of

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Last night Channel 13 News showed a report on the results of tests taken of selected Rensselaer County water supplies to determine if there is a health hazard posed by high levels of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA). These tests were conducted in the wake of the situation in Hoosick Falls where dangerously high PFOA contamination has resulted in a public health emergency. Hampton Manor water was sampled in this round of tests and the good news is that the water in the Manor was declared safe.

Minute levels of PFOA were detected in the water in the Manor but not enough to cause concern. For years the Environmental Protection Agency considered 400 parts per trillion (ppt) to be the threshold for determining if there was a threat to public health but in light of the Hoosick Falls situation, New York State has adopted a more conservative threshold of 100 ppt. The contaminated wells in Hoosick Falls tested at levels ranging from 600-1,200 ppt. The count for Hampton Manor was 3.8 ppt so as you can see, there is nothing to worry about. Tests have been conducted on the Troy water supply that serves the East Greenbush General Water District; those results will be available early next week and I'll share those with you as soon as I get them.

Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino has been proactive in reaching out to towns and villages to ensure that everyone is informed of test results and the implications of those results for public health. Her press release is available below.