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Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

I understand that EPA is currently working with several military bases in Pennsylvania with regard to water contaminated from certain aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF) used for firefighting that contain perfluorinated compounds (PFCs), including perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). These materials have the potential for adverse effects on human health and the environment. I recently wrote to the Department of Defense regarding these sites, but I am also concerned about other locations in the Commonwealth and the region where similar AFFFs may be frequently used. Thus, I write to ask that you please review other potentially-affected sites throughout the Commonwealth.

I urge you to work expeditiously with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to test drinking water sources near relevant sites, inform residents of any contamination, and require remediation as needed or provide alternative drinking water in areas where PFC levels are identified as above the EPA provisional health advisory levels. I ask that you make available to the public information regarding sites currently under evaluation or undergoing remediation. I also strongly urge EPA to move forward with the health effects document process and finalize the health advisory levels for PFOA and PFOS, for which provisional levels were issued in 2009.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator