



# TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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Public Statement: Commissioner Mike Thompson

## AQUA PA'S ABINGTON TOWNSHIP WELL

### NORTH HILLS WATER SUPPLY

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PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BEGIN MY REMARKS BY THANKING STATE REPRESENTATIVE MADELINE DEAN FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN WORKING WITH THE TOWNSHIP ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS AND FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN AQUA PA'S TAKING OFF LINE A WATER SUPPLY WELL THAT WAS OF GREAT CONCERN TO MANY RESIDENTS.

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The Centers for Disease Control, via the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released a voluminous report called "Toxicological Profile for Perfluoroalkyls" addressing, in part, two types of Perfluoroalkyls (PFAS) compounds in particular- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). These chemical compounds were commonly found in firefighting foam that was routinely used at NAS Willow Grove in Horsham, as well as the Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster.

On July 25, 2018, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) community engagement meeting in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This listening Community Engagement Session made clear that there is still confusion as to what is an acceptable level. Given this discussion we immediately began to work with Representative Dean and Aqua for what is in the best interest of the North Hills Community.

On August 2, 2018 Representative Dean hosted a Public Meeting and invited federal elected officials, representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the federal Centers for Disease Control. Many questions were asked and many, not all questions, were answered.

This evening this Board of Commissioners will increase our efforts, work and diligence by presenting and passing a Resolution to encourage and influence Pennsylvania's legislature to enact a law that results in a change in environmental regulations to provide safe drinking water for our residents. We will work with Aqua and examine every aspect of our business relationship with Aqua to assure that they are doing all that they should be doing to protect our residents; including installing Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) or Resin filters on their wells to reduce the levels of PFOS and PFOA compounds to nearly non-detectable limits, and working with our legislators, State and Federal agencies and PA Public Utility Commission to assure that they, who are the people and agencies with authority and jurisdiction over Aqua eliminate this health concern.