

## Meeting Held to Update the Community on PFOA Information, Research

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On Wednesday, June 29, the Vermont state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) hosted a community meeting at Bennington College to discuss the ongoing PFOA issue in the region. Presenters discussed preliminary engineering reports for municipal drinking water line extensions in North Bennington and Bennington to service homes with private wells with elevated PFOA levels. They also reviewed new information about PFOA contamination around the town landfill, provided updates on the blood clinics and water sampling results, and solicited feedback from citizens.

The meeting was led by DEC Commissioner Alyssa Schuren. Also participating were Deputy Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health Tracy Dolan; Stu Hurd, the Manager of the Town of Bennington; Steve Goodkind, the Chair of Water Board of the Village of Bennington, as well as other state officials and engineers consulting on the project. Over 130 residents were in attendance.

Bennington College is currently engaging on the issue of PFOA through support of a Rapid Response grant from the National Science Foundation.