

# Merrimack Village District Files Lawsuit to Recover Cleanup and Other Costs of PFAS Contamination Caused by Local Industry

*PFAS are man-made, “forever” chemicals that contaminate soil, groundwater, and surface water.*

MERRIMACK, NH – Today, the Merrimack Village District announced that it has filed a lawsuit against Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPP), Textiles Coated International (TCI) and DiaCom Corporation for contamination of the water supply and environment in and around the Village District’s property. The lawsuit alleges the defendants’ production methods have caused per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) including, but not limited to, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) to be discharged directly into the local environment, including into the Village District’s groundwater supply wells. The suit was filed in the State of New Hampshire’s Superior Court for Hillsborough County, Southern District.

Despite the known toxicity of these chemicals, the suit alleges that Saint-Gobain, TCI and DiaCom continued to use methods of production that they knew polluted the area. The lawsuit seeks to hold defendants accountable for the impacts of these harmful chemicals on the Village District’s water sources.

“This legal action is our necessary response to the PFAS contamination of the Village District’s customers’ drinking water by corporate polluters who have profited significantly by their use of these man-made PFAS chemicals,” said Don Provencher, chairman of the district’s board of commissioners. “The Village District is demanding action and solutions from those responsible parties. We continue to thank our customers for their ongoing patience and understanding in these efforts—and for their trust in us to follow through on our promises to make our customers whole and to hold the polluters accountable.”

Merrimack Village District is represented by the nationally-recognized attorneys from Baron & Budd, P.C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, L.L.C., and by Drummond Woodsum.

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## **ABOUT MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT**

Merrimack Village District Water Works (MVD) is a public water provider located in the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire.

MVD manages over 7,500 service locations, which comprises more than 87% of the town. These locations include residential, municipal, commercial and industrial properties.

MVD services and maintains approximately 176 miles of water mains, 930 fire hydrants, six wells, three water storage tanks, an Iron & Manganese Treatment Plant, three Booster Stations and a PFAS Treatment Plant.

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