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### March 2016

- State of NH begins
   Investigation into
   St. Gobain Performance
   Plastics for PFOA
   contamination of
   groundwater
- Private Wells within a minimal half mile radius are found to contain very high levels of PFOA
- NHDES runs community meeting which is well attended. Residents have many questions and concerns that are minimized.
- Residents whose wells tested above 70 ppt were eligible for DHHS blood testing program

# Well attended meeting, Standing Room Only!



# Town Water- MVD

- Our town government declined to get involved despite concerns from public water users who had been subject to unknown levels of PFOA for many years.
- After public pressure state offers blood test to ~200 random MVD residents

- Will this sample really represent the 25,500 citizens?
- Individuals with health issues that are known to be associated with PFOA still asking for blood tests to know the level of exposure
- Blood test results are not back in citizens hands yet!

# Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water is Formed

- We seek resources such as Toxic Actions, state Representative Mindi Messmer, Testing for Peasean AFB affected by PFOA
- We are talking directly to the state of NH for information about their ongoing investigation and to make it clear that there are many concerned and organized residents who did not feel our town was advocating for our needs.

 We are learning to utilize media to get our message out and begin to pressure St. Gobain to take responsibility for harm that has been done to our residents.

#### Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water Efforts

 We are now organizing and conducting a Health Survey to mobilize residents, raise awareness.  Our goal is to utilize the findings to advocate for the right to access blood testing, have our water filtered and be validated for the health impact many have experienced.

# Merrimack's Water is of National Concern

