

HLRA Update

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MEETING SCHEDULE

All HLRA Meetings are open to the public.

- 3:30 pm January 16, 2019 at the Horsham Township Library.
- Meeting dates for the full 2019 year will be proposed and considered at the January 16, 2019 meeting.





Governor Wolf's PFAS Action Team Meeting

Representatives of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority ("HLRA"), Horsham Township and the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority attended and participated in Governor Wolf's PFAS Action Team Meeting in Harrisburg on November 30, 2018. The meeting was chaired by Patrick McDonnell, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"). Presentations were made available by the US Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 3, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ("ATSDR") as well as the state health departments and/or environmental regulators of Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Michigan and New Jersey. Each state group spoke to how their state addressed PFAS contamination and detailed any state standards that have been put in place.

Bill Walker, Horsham Township Manager, and Mike McGee, Executive Director of the HLRA, spoke during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Walker discussed the many challenges and costs of the township and its residents in dealing with PFAS contamination. He discussed the time-line of discovery, the choice to move to a non-detect standard for PFOA and PFOS, a standard that was met and achieved in April 2017. Mike McGee discussed the challenges of the HLRA and our community in executing a transfer of the 862 acre NAS-JRB Willow Grove property and in filling the void of economic activity that was the result of the base closure.

A follow-up meeting of the Governor's PFAS Action Team is expected to be scheduled locally in Southeast Pennsylvania in early 2019. Details of the meeting are still to be determined.