

East Hampton Town Cover-up of PFOA/PFOS Contamination of Wainscott's Drinking-water Supply



Town of East Hampton signed non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) that cover all aspects of Deepwater Wind's proposed South Fork Wind Farm. The NDAs are effective until May 2021. (May 10, 2016)

DEC to Town:
"You are legally obligated to respond" to PFOA/PFOS Facility ID Survey (June 14, 2016)

Town tells DEC (email) - "We don't have firefighting foam." (Feb 23, 2017)

Town delays for 9 months submitting its PFOS/PFOA Facility ID Survey and then submits a largely false and wholly misleading survey to NYS DEC (Mar 23, 2017)

1st private well in Wainscott is tested (Aug 14, 2017)

PFOA/PFOS contamination is double EPA limit (Aug 29, 2017)

Suffolk County issues Water Quality Advisory (Oct 11, 2017)

Bottled Water provided to residents of Wainscott (Oct 11, 2017)

Town ignores DEC notification of "a need to install ... POETs to ... address the contaminated water supply wells" (Nov 10, 2017)

The Town of East Hampton has never publicly required Deepwater Wind to test the groundwater or soil for contamination along the route where it plans to construct its high-voltage transmission infrastructure through the most contaminated square mile on eastern Long Island. (see Fig. 3 p. 6 and Fig. 5 p. 10).

Town delays for 6 months any offer of assistance with POETs installation and then only offers a rebate. Homeowners carry the burden of installing non-standard specialized equipment (May 15, 2018)

Wainscott residents are ingesting water contaminated with hazardous waste for 16 months longer than Westhampton residents.

Town delays water-filters (POETs) for 6 months

First Airport well tested (April 25, 2018)

Town delays & frustrates investigation into contamination on its own property at East Hampton Airport for 2 years

AECOM (DEC contractor) notes: "Airport employee escorted AECOM personnel throughout the process."

DEC/AECOM Site Characterization Report of EH Airport Published Nov 30, 2018
Airport found to be significant source of PFAS contamination

Twelve-times residents had told the Town Board of their concerns with water contamination. Eight-times residents had asked the Town Board to test their drinking-water wells. Four-times the Town Board had told the Wainscott CAC that new wells were being monitored.

... but the Town continued to conceal the major source of PFAS contamination at the airport property it owns.

