Findings

The Town of East Hampton –

- Concealed from NYSDEC for two years information on discharges of hazardous waste on property it owned at East Hampton Airport;¹
- Took nine months to complete an eleven-question survey² pertaining to possible discharges of hazardous waste that it was legally obligated to return within 30 days;³
- Ignored concerns local residents had with regards to possible water contamination and misled the Wainscott Citizens' Advisory Committee; 4
- Submitted incomplete, false and misleading information to NYSDEC;⁵
- Delayed for six month assistance with installing of Point of Entry Treatment Systems;⁶
- Continued to conceal discharges of hazardous waste on property it owned and frustrated the investigation into the source of contamination even *after* Suffolk County had detected and informed Town officials that the water residents living in the Hamlet of Wainscott were drinking was contaminated with discharges of hazardous waste;⁷
- Was indifferent to exposing hundreds of residents to adverse health effects the US EPA has linked to cancer, liver damage, antibody production, immunity and more; 8
- Is moving ahead with construction plans that will likely exposed residents for a second time to the same harmful chemicals without conducting appropriate due diligence; 9
- May burden taxpayers with costs of up to one hundred million dollars for remediating a contaminated site to which the Town and Deepwater Wind are turning a blind eye; ¹⁰ and
- Concealed for four years non-disclosure agreements concerning the South Fork RFP and the South Fork Wind Farm that are still binding upon the Town (until May 2021).¹¹

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¹ The Town was legally required by NYSDEC in June of <u>2016</u> to report the storage and/or use of Class B fire suppression foam on property it owned, but frustrated and delayed the investigation into contamination on its own property at East Hampton Airport until April 25, 2018 (when wells were first tested for possible contamination).

² See Exhibit 04 - Jun 14, 2016 - NYSDEC Cover Letter, Request for Information – East Hampton Airport See Exhibit 12 – Jun 14, 2016 – First PFOS/PFOA Facility Identification Survey

³ See Exhibit 11 – Mar 23, 2017 – Second PFOS/PFOA Facility Identification Survey certified by Airport Director Brundige on March 2, 2017, but not returned to NYSDEC until March 23, 2017

⁴ See Executive Summary (p. 4) and Town Ignores Residents' Concerns – June 2016 to March 2017 (p. 59)

⁵ See Executive Summary (p. 7) and *PFOS/PFOA Survey – Town Misleads NYSDEC – March 23*, 2017 (p. 25)

⁶ See Town Delayed for Six Months Installing Drinking-Water Filters (POETs) (p. 71)

⁷ See Executive Summary (p. 8) and No Wells at Airport – Cantwell tell Capobianco – November 2017 (p. 50)

⁸ See Executive Summary (p. 8) and Exhibit 10 – USEPA Fact Sheet on PFOA & PFOS (November 2016)

⁹ See Executive Summary (p. 9) and Deepwater Wind South Fork, LLC (p. 74)

¹⁰ See Exhibit 54 – AFR - PFAS Contamination - West Gate Tunnel (Feb 5, 2020)

See Exhibit 58 - AFR - West Gate Tunnel dispute veers towards 'full-flung fight' (Jun 19, 2020)

¹¹ See Executive Summary (p. 11) and Town Agrees to Keep Deepwater Wind Secret (NDAs) (p. 86)

