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**Neuhaus critical of Department of Defense response to water
contamination at Stewart Air National Guard Base**

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus released the following statement on Friday in response to reports that the Department of Defense was denying any responsibility for the contamination at Washington Lake in the City of Newburgh.

The contamination was caused by runoff of Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), which was routinely used by Stewart Air National Guard base for fire suppression activities.

“The Department of Defense needs to take responsibility in remediating the hazardous conditions that were created in Newburgh,” Neuhaus said. “This contamination continues to pose a risk to the health of our residents. It’s absurd for the Federal Government to hope the issue will just go away if they stone wall, or hide behind legal maneuvers. Our federal representatives must remain vigilant in seeking justice for the residents impacted by this contamination.”

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