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### **Orange County Executive Neuhaus statement on results of State's Newburgh Blood Testing results**

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus released the following statement on Thursday after the results of the New York State Department of Health's Newburgh Blood Testing Program were announced.

Three-hundred and seventy residents who were tested for Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and five related chemicals in the first round of testing were mailed their results. These results showed a mean level of 15.4 micrograms per liter, three times higher than the national average of 5.2.

“The testing of impacted residents provides knowledge, but much more than just information is needed about this important public health issue,” Neuhaus said. “Our municipalities must be able to supply clean, drinkable water that meets state and federal standards. Continuous monitoring must take place to ensure that the contaminants which caused the problem are no longer being used. The safety of public drinking water is not negotiable.”

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