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## **Governor Provides Private Well Testing Results Near Shaftsbury Landfill**

**Montpelier, Vt.** – Gov. Peter Shumlin today announced testing results from drinking water wells located near the closed Shaftsbury Landfill. Drinking water was tested for PFOA and other perfluorinated compounds after elevated concentrations of PFOA were found at the closed landfill in late July.

Samples were collected from drinking water wells within one-quarter mile of the closed landfill. Of the 24 wells tested, 16 were non-detect for PFOA. Eight wells had low level detections of PFOA ranging from 4 to 16 parts per trillion. **All the results were below the Vermont health advisory level of 20 parts per trillion.**

"We were pleased to find that the scope of contamination in Shaftsbury is minimal, and that any impacts to drinking water are below levels of concern," said Gov. Shumlin.

The sampling work was requested by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in response to PFOA being detected in one groundwater monitoring well at the Shaftsbury Landfill located at 639 North Road. The State asked the Town of Shaftsbury to test for perfluorinated compounds at the landfill after several residents expressed concerns of possible contamination at the site. The Town owns the landfill, which is located in close proximity to the former Chemfab plant in North Bennington.

Additional monitoring wells at the landfill are being tested to continue determining the extent and degree of PFOA contamination at the site. A plan will be developed to continue monitoring the 8 drinking water wells where PFOA was detected.

For questions related to PFOA or private drinking water well testing, call the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation at (802) 828-1138.

For health-related questions, call the Vermont Department of Health at (800) 439-8550.

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