



Environmental Health Subcommittee

September 9, 2026 | Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order at approximately 9:30 a.m.**
- II. **Committee Member Roll Call**
 - A. **Present**
 1. Brittany Hauck, Hawbridge Parent
 2. Sarah Harmon, Hawbridge Parent
 3. Emily Sutton, Haw River Assembly ED
 4. Jaime MacFall, Sponsoring Board Member
 5. Alexis Crumel, Hawbridge School ED
 6. Lynne Pierce, Hawbridge School Operations Manager
 - B. **Absent**
 1. None
- III. **Water Update**
 - A. **Upper School**
 1. Filters were installed in all water fountains.
 - a) **Filter model:** Elkay WaterSentry PFOA/PFOS
 - (1) Performance data: [Elkay WaterSentry manual and performance data sheet](#)
 - (2) Specifications: [Elkay filter specification sheet](#)
 - b) The water fountains have compatible filter indicators that alert staff when filters need to be replaced. The committee will conduct a site visit to document the indicator system and confirm a process for timely filter replacement.
 - c) Filtered water was tested, and results were pending at the time of the meeting. Results were released later that day and are attached to these minutes.
 2. Bottled water has been provided for students and staff and will be discontinued once test results confirm that the filtered water is safe for use.
 - B. **Lower School**
 1. The Lower School has water fountains; however, the existing units do not have replaceable filters. The committee is evaluating the cost of replacing the fountains with models that accept replaceable filters while reusing the existing water-supply and waste lines.
 2. Bottled water will continue to be provided until a longer-term solution is implemented.

C. **Costs and Reimbursement**

1. Committee member Brittany Hauck agreed to lead the financial tracking related to the water-quality concerns. She will work with school administration to document costs incurred to date and prepare an expense summary before the next meeting.
2. At the recommendation of committee member Emily Sutton, the committee intends to work with the state to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred in response to the water-quality issue.
3. The Saxapahaw public water utility will also work on a source-point filtration solution, which is expected to be in place before the end of the school year.

IV. **Additional Environmental Health Concerns**

A. **Creosote**

1. A concerned parent contacted the subcommittee through the School Board regarding the possible presence of creosote in the Lower School.
2. The committee consulted Environmental Solutions Group and LRC Indoor Testing & Research, Inc. regarding the concern.
3. Based on the information provided, both organizations advised that creosote-specific testing was not recommended at this time. They indicated that testing would be more appropriate following a recent fire or if staff or students were reporting recurring headaches, eye or throat irritation, nausea, coughing, or unusual odors that improve when away from the building. Because neither circumstance had been reported, neither organization recommended additional creosote testing at this time.
4. Quotes ranging from \$3,700 to \$10,000 were received for creosote-related indoor air-quality testing at the Lower School.
5. **Next Steps**
 - a) The committee agreed not to proceed with creosote testing at this time.
 - b) Alexis Crumel agreed to work with the Alamance-Burlington School System to identify a recommended approach for addressing parent concerns regarding indoor air quality.

- B. No other environmental health concerns had been brought to the committee at the time of the meeting.

V. **Next Meeting**

THS - Environmental Health Committee

Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Time zone: America/New_York

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VI. **Adjournment at approximately 10:30 a.m.**

To: Haw River Assembly

Date: September 8, 2026

Thanks for testing your water with us! We test for 55 PFAS compounds. **PFAS detects are highlighted in yellow.** Concentrations are shown in parts per trillion (ppt). Our limit of quantification (LOQ) is 1.0 ppt for each of the 55 PFAS. We do not report detection values below our LOQ.

Your report lists results for each of the EPA regulated PFAS6 compounds (PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, PFNA, GenX, and PFBS). Values are reported under Additional PFAS for the other 49 PFAS tested only if there has been a detection above 1.0 ppt. Regulatory information for the PFAS6 is located on the next page.

What's In My Water?

Kit# 29277. Good news. **Water sample #29277** came back "clean". All 55 PFAS tested measured non-detect.

Barcode	WTK_PFAS_29277
Name	Haw River Assembly
Location	Saxapahaw, NC 27340
Comments	Private-owned water system; Water Fountain; School; 35.94876; 79.31784
Filtration	Filtered
Sampling Date	8/20/26 2:50
Order Number	34507
PFOA	< 1.0 ppt
PFOS	< 1.0 ppt
PFHxS	< 1.0 ppt
PFNA	< 1.0 ppt
GenX	< 1.0 ppt
PFBS	< 1.0 ppt
Total PFAS (EPA PFAS6)	0
Additional PFAS	
PFBA	< 1.0 ppt
PFPeA	< 1.0 ppt
PFHxA	< 1.0 ppt
PFHpA	< 1.0 ppt
PFPeS	< 1.0 ppt
PFHpS	< 1.0 ppt
PFPrS	< 1.0 ppt
PFECHS	< 1.0 ppt
Total PFAS (All Detected)	0

Regulatory Information

EPA has set Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for each of the PFAS6 compounds. The MCLG is the maximum level for a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health, allowing for an adequate margin of safety. MCLGs are non-enforceable public health goals. EPA has set MCLGs of zero for PFOA and PFOS. This reflects the latest science showing that there is no level of exposure to these two PFAS without risk of health impacts. For PFBS, we have listed the EPA's health based value (HBV). [\[Click here to learn more\]](#).

Compound	Final MCLG	Final MCL (enforceable levels)
PFOA	Zero	4.0 ppt
PFOS	Zero	4.0 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (GenX)	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFBS	2000 ppt*	Hazard Index

* EPA health-based value.

55 PFAS Compounds Detected by Cyclopure Analytical Methods

Compound	Abbreviation	CAS#
Perfluorobutanoic Acid	PFBA	375-22-4
Perfluoropentanoic Acid	PFPeA	2706-90-3
Perfluorohexanoic Acid	PFHxA	307-24-4
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid	PFHpA	375-85-9
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	PFOA	335-67-1
Perfluorononanoic Acid	PFNA	375-95-1
Perfluorodecanoic Acid	PFDA	335-76-2
Perfluoroundecanoic Acid	PFUnA	2058-94-8
Perfluorododecanoic Acid	PFDoA	307-55-1
Perfluorotridecanoic Acid	PFTTrDA	72629-94-8
Perfluorotetradecanoic Acid	PFTeA	376-06-7
Perfluoropropane Sulfonic Acid	PFPrS	423-41-6
Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid	PFBS	375-73-5
Perfluoropentane Sulfonic Acid	PFPeS	2706-91-4
Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid	PFHxS	355-46-4
Perfluoroheptane Sulfonic Acid	PFHpS	375-92-8
Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid	PFOS	1763-23-1
Perfluorononane Sulfonic Acid	PFNS	474511-07-4
Perfluorodecane Sulfonic Acid	PFDS	335-77-3
Perfluorododecane Sulfonic Acid	PFDoS	79780-39-5
4:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonate	4:2 FTS	414911-30-1
6:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonate	6:2 FTS	425670-75-3
8:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonate	8:2 FTS	481071-78-7
10:2 Fluorotelomer Sulfonate	10:2 FTS	120226-60-0

Perfluorobutane Sulfonamide	FBSA	30334-69-1
N-Methylperfluorobutanesulfonamide	MeFBSA	68298-12-4
Perfluorohexane Sulfonamide	FHxSA	41997-13-1
Perfluorooctane Sulfonamide	PFOSA	754-91-6
Perfluorodecane Sulfonamide	FDSA	N/A
N-Ethylperfluorooctane-1-Sulfonamide	NEtFOSA	4151-50-2
N-Methylperfluorooctane-1-Sulfonamide	NMeFOSA	31506-32-8
Perfluorooctane Sulfonamido Acetic Acid	FOSAA	2806-24-8
N-Ethyl Perfluorooctane Sulfonamido Acetic Acid	NEtFOSAA	2991-50-6
N-Methyl Perfluorooctane Sulfonamido Acetic Acid	NMeFOSAA	2355-31-9
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoethanol	NMeFOSE	24448-09-7
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoethanol	NEtFOSE	1691-99-2
Hexafluoropropylene Oxide Dimer Acid	HFPO-DA	13252-13-6
4,8-Dioxa-3H-Perfluorononanoate	ADONA	919005-14-4
Perfluoro-3-Methoxypropanoic Acid	PFMPA	377-73-1
Perfluoro-4-Methoxybutanoic Acid	PFMBA	863090-89-5
Perfluoro-3,6-Dioxaheptanoic Acid	NFDHA	151772-58-6
9-Chlorohexadecafluoro-3-Oxanone-1-Sulfonic Acid	9Cl-PF30NS	756426-58-1
11-Chloroeicosafluoro-3-Oxanonane-1-Sulfonic Acid	11Cl-PF30UdS	763051-92-9
Perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane) Sulfonic acid	PFEESA	113507-82-7
Perfluoro-4-ethylcyclohexane Sulfonic Acid	PFECHS	646-83-3
8-Chloroperfluoro-1-Octanesulfonic Acid	8Cl-PFOS	777011-38-8
3-Perfluoropropyl Propanoic Acid	3:3FTCA	356-02-5
2h,2h,3h,3h-Perfluorooctanoic Acid	5:3FTCA	914637-49-3
3-Perfluoroheptyl propanoic acid	7:3FTCA	812-70-4
2H-Perfluoro-2-dodecenoic acid	FDUEA	70887-94-4
2H-perfluoro-2-decenoic acid	FOUEA	70887-84-2
Bis(perfluorohexyl)phosphinic acid	6:6PFPI	40143-77-9
(Heptadecafluorooctyl)(tridecafluorohexyl) Phosphinic Acid	6:8PFPI	610800-34-5
Bis(perfluorooctyl)phosphinic acid	8:8PFPI	40143-79-1
N-(3-dimethylaminopropan-1-yl) perfluoro-1-hexanesulfonamide	N-AP-FHxSA	50598-28-2