

Mayor Labas,

On the evening of July 5<sup>th</sup>, the Maintenance and Engineering team at Saint-Gobain Tape Solutions in Granville, responded to fire alarms caused by the local power outage and discovered the fire suppression system in a storage building had engaged as a result of the false fire alarms. Upon arrival, it was determined that the foam used in the suppression system had traveled out of the building, across the property, and made its way into the Indian River via stormwater ditches and culverts connected to Saint-Gobain's property. There are no additional sources of this foam on the property at this time.

In response, Saint-Gobain promptly contacted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to notify the agency of the release. Saint-Gobain also engaged the help of Maviro, an environmental remediation consultant, and promptly initiated response actions to contain and mitigate the release. Working together and with the guidance of the NYSDEC, they have engaged in the following activities:

- Surveyed and inspected the land and surface water between the plant property and the Indian River to evaluate the distance and areas where the foam has traveled.
- Begun excavation of soil on the plant property where the foam traveled.
- Placed booms in surface water sources in the area to contain and absorb the foam.
- Started an investigation to understand how the fire suppression system was engaged.

At this time, Saint-Gobain continues to work closely and coordinate the on-going effort, including additional response actions, with the NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health.

Saint-Gobain is committed to keeping the town of Granville informed and continuing to work with the appropriate state and local agencies, including the Granville Department of Public Works, to respond to this incident and conduct the needed remediation efforts.

Thank you,  
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