

**Feb. 11, 2021. Statement for attribution to NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos:**

DEC takes this community's concerns about Norlite's operations very seriously. We have no patience for this facility's bad actions and to suggest DEC is in cahoots with Norlite is absolutely absurd. No matter what the conspiracy theorists suggest, DEC will continue to go after this facility using science and the law as evidenced by the enforcement actions announced yesterday.

As we've said all along, when DEC executives learned that Norlite had been accepting AFFF that contained PFAS, we put a stop to it even though it wasn't illegal at the time. DEC is taking a hard look at this facility's entire operations, including investigating the complete history of AFFF incineration, dust mitigation and control efforts, and undertaking our own comprehensive, expert-led study of any potential PFAS soil and water contamination in this community.

Information broadcast by advocates today as 'news' is identical to information DEC has shared with the public for months. And as our internal investigation advanced, we shared that information with the community and state and local leaders.

DEC will remain a fixture in this community and will continue our aggressive actions and transparent communications.