

Griffo: 'Face-to-face meeting' to address Vernon Center water worries will take place in Albany

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VERNON - In light of water-related issues affecting residents of Vernon Center, New York State Senate Deputy Minority Leader Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, announced today that he has arranged a meeting between Town of Vernon and top New York State officials.

The meeting will take place Monday, Feb. 10 in Albany. Attendees will include the commissioner of the state Department of Transportation, the executive director of the

Environmental Facilities Corporation and representatives of the state Department of Health and state Department of Environmental Conservation. State Assemblyman John Salka, R-Brookfield, also was invited and will attend.

Area residents have experienced poor quality water that they say is hard, salty, discolored and foul smelling. Deputy Minority Leader Griffo and his office have been communicating with local officials regarding this matter.

"It is important that we take whatever steps necessary to ensure that residents in the Vernon Center area have access to safe, clean and quality drinking water," Deputy Minority Leader Griffo said. "I thank the state Department of Transportation, Environmental Facilities Corporation, state Department of Health and the state Department of Environmental Conservation for agreeing to a face-to-face meeting with town officials. I am hopeful that this meeting will generate potential solutions to address this public health issue and alleviate the concerns, anxieties and apprehension felt by many in the community."

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