

**Plumstead Fire Site Update from DEP
December 9, 2010**

Reminder:

PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Plumstead Township Building
5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA 18949
Pre-Register by calling 484.250.5808

Remedies implemented under state's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act

Residential well drilling has been completed. A total of seven wells were drilled at depths ranging from 300-600 feet. Water supplied by some of the newly-drilled wells contains elevated levels of manganese, iron and arsenic. Filtration systems will be installed to ensure that water from those wells will meet acceptable drinking water standards.

Tetra Tech, the Department's contractor, has subcontracted Hague Filtration Systems to install filtration for some of the new wells and to replace existing filtration systems for eight additional homes. Hague began work on December 8th.

Pond remediation

The pond at 5189 Stump Road has been excavated and sediment has been removed. The EMS Pond has been excavated and sediment has been stockpiled at the edge of the pond. Due to heavy rain last week, additional pumping and excavation has been required to complete sediment removal from the EMS pond by next week.

Sampling wells

DEP expects to conduct its next round of well sampling in March 2011 for homes that have previously been sampled.

December 14 Public Hearing

The Department will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Building. There are three ways the public can provide input: (1) by making comments at the hearing; (2) by submitting written comments prior to close of business on February 14, 2011; or (3) by speaking at the hearing and also submitting written comments.

A court reporter will record oral statements at the hearing. Prior to taking testimony, project officer Bonnie McClennen will make a presentation that reviews DEP's consideration of alternatives and the implementation of chosen remedies. Following her presentation, there will be a question and answer period to clarify what has been done under the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act and what will happen going forward. The formal taking of testimony will begin following the Q&A session.

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