

## **Private Well Contamination in Plumstead Township**

### **Update: November 5, 2010**

#### **Revised timeline of remedial work**

Nov. 4	Drilling of 1st well began
Nov. 8-19	DEP will contact individual homeowners regarding their chosen remedy
Nov. 15	Administrative Record opens for public review
Nov. 15	Public comment period for chosen remedy opens
Dec. 14	Public hearing for comment on remedial action
Jan. 14	Public comment period closes

#### **Monitoring well drilled**

On November 4, Raab Well Drilling, Inc. began the installation of a well at 5927 Ann Drive. That well will access the deep aquifer, which is expected to be encountered at around 300 feet or deeper, and water from that well will be tested for quality and quantity. Based on the results of that testing, the Department will determine whether a deeper well or filtration is the appropriate remedy for any remaining wells that have continued to show contamination as a result of the fire.

Beginning the week of November 8, DEP will contact residents and make appointments to discuss the proposed remedy for their home water supplies.

Residents who receive new wells or filtration systems will have their water tested upon completion of the remedy. They will be sampled again in the spring, along with the other area wells that were included in the October 5th sampling event. The frequency of future sampling will be based upon those results.

#### **Tanker removal**

Residents who have been using stored water to provide a safe supply of water for their households will be disconnected from the tankers on an individual basis when their new remedy has been selected and implemented.

#### **Sediment removal from ponds**

Sediment has been removed from the pond at 5189 Stump Road and is being stockpiled onsite.

Pond water from the EMS pond 5205 Stump Rd. is being pumped and discharged into the sanitary sewer and conveyed by the Bucks County Sewer Authority to a wastewater treatment plant. Sediment removal of the EMS pond will begin when conditions are dry.

#### **Administrative Record**

An Administrative Record, which contains detailed information concerning this prompt interim response action, will be available for public inspection beginning November 15, 2010. The Administrative Record may be examined from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Department's office at 2 East Main Street, Norristown PA 19401. Those interested in examining the Administrative Record at DEP's regional office should contact the Bonnie McClennen at (484) 250-5965 or William Blasberg at (484) 250-5865 to arrange for an appointment. An additional copy of the Administrative Record will be available for review at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building at 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA 18949.

**Public Hearing**

The Department will conduct a public hearing at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road. A public hearing is required by the state's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) (35 P.S. §§ 6020.102-6020.1303) to evaluate alternatives for its prompt interim response at the Plumstead Fire HSCA Site, Plumstead Township. Notices of the hearing will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and the Doylestown *Intelligencer* and a press release will also be issued.

**Contact:** For additional information about the timeline for upcoming events and decisions, please contact Deborah Fries at 484-250-5808.

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