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May 9, 2012

Dear Resident:

Re: Carbon Tetrachloride Well Contamination

This letter is being sent to you because I have been notified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that recent water testing indicates that a well within 2000 feet of your property was found to contain carbon tetrachloride contamination that exceeds the NJ State Ground Water Quality Standard of 1 part per billion.

Individual wells are the responsibility of the homeowner and it is recommended that homeowners have their wells tested once a year. In light of the fact that carbon tetrachloride contamination was discovered in your neighborhood, I urge you to have your well tested immediately. Enclosed is a list of NJ State certified laboratories that test drinking water. The Passaic County Board of Health advises that you should not take the water sample yourself, but leave the entire testing process to a certified lab.

Please provide my office with a copy of the results of your test immediately. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection advises that if you are seeking to be compensated for your loss as a result of the contamination by the NJ Spill Compensation Fund, you must do a second confirmatory test. If the second test confirms contamination, you should file a claim with the NJ Spill Fund. Claim forms are available on the NJ DEP website at [www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/finance/eca](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/finance/eca) or in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. My staff will assist you if you need help filling out the form.

If the result of the second test confirms contamination, you will need to get a point-of-entry treatment (POET) system installed. You will need to get three estimates from qualified water treatment vendors for the cost to install, monitor and maintain an appropriate point-of-entry treatment (POET) system; enclosed is a list of qualified vendors. Specifications (specs) for a POET system are available at the Office of the Municipal Clerk. You are free to use any vendor you choose, but the Environmental Claims Administration of the DEP will pay the amount of the lowest estimate. I must emphasize at this point that the only thing the homeowner needs to pay for up-front is for the cost of the second test, and this will subsequently be reimbursed by the NJ Spill Fund if the test result comes back positive. The homeowner does not generally pay for installing a POET system; the vendor will be reimbursed by the NJ Spill Compensation Fund.

The NJ DEP advises that if you purchase bottled water once the contamination has been confirmed by a second test, you may be eligible for reimbursement of this expense. It is essential that you make copies of all your bills for submission to the NJ Spill Fund. Please keep in mind that you only have one year from the time that the contamination of your well was discovered to file a claim with the NJ Spill Fund.

I have been advised by the NJ DEP that the protocol they follow for contaminated wells is to identify the contaminated well, cover the expenses of the installation of a point of entry (POET) system, monitor the POET system, delineate the area of contaminated wells, and try to locate the source of the contamination. The NJ DEP will do a cost analysis between continuing the POET systems in the future or extending an existing water line to the contaminated areas to eliminate the POET systems in the future. If the source of the contamination is found, the owner may be held responsible for all costs associated with the contamination; if not, the NJ Spill Fund may cover part of the cost.

This investigation will take some time and your patience will be appreciated. I have scheduled a public meeting for Monday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m., at the Eastern Christian High School, located at 50 Oakwood Avenue, to discuss the situation and the steps that will be taken to resolve this very serious issue. At that meeting, in addition to myself, representatives of the NJ DEP, the Passaic County Board of Health, and the North Haledon Board of Health will be there to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Martin from the New Jersey Spill Fund, who has been assigned to this case at (609) 633-2296, and please do not hesitate to contact me at (973) 427-4129.

Yours truly,

Borough of North Haledon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy George".

Randy George, Mayor

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Certified  
Laboratories/Testing Services**

Advanced Water Technology  
1-888-365-8378

AGRA Environmental Services  
973-989-0010

Analytical Laboratory Services, Inc.  
800-794-7709

Aqua Pro-Tech Services  
973-227-0422

Complete Analysis Laboratory, Inc  
973-335-2254

Environmental Lab Network  
973-728-8044

Garden State Laboratories  
800-273-8901  
908-668-8900

McGowan Well Testing and Treatment  
973-962-4432

Ocean Environmental  
866-323-9355

QC Lab  
201-288-6511

WATER Works Laboratory, INC  
973-678-3787

**Please note that the Passaic County Department of Health does not recommend or endorse any laboratory. This is a list of NJ DEP Certified laboratories for reference purposes only.**

For more information go to:

[http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta/pwta\\_lablist.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta/pwta_lablist.htm)

or

[http://datamine2.state.nj.us/DEP\\_OPRA/OpraMain/categories?category=Certified+Laboratories](http://datamine2.state.nj.us/DEP_OPRA/OpraMain/categories?category=Certified+Laboratories)  
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