



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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Northcentral Regional Office

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Re: Act 223, Section 208 Determination
Complaint No. 265150
McNett Twp., Lycoming County

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has investigated the possible degradation of the stream adjacent to your residence in response to your July 24, 2009, complaint that gas well drilling activities may have caused contamination.

On July 24, 2009, I investigated your complaint and observed turbid conditions in the stream you are using as a supplementary water supply. I returned to investigate reports of gas emanating from the same stream on July 27, 2009. An extensive investigation conducted by East Resources Inc. (ERI) and the Department determined that turbidity and natural gas leakage in the area was caused by failure in a nearby gas well.

A remedial effort undertaken by ERI mitigated the source of the gas leak shortly after your initial complaint. ERI's response to drinking water and safety concerns regarding the gas leak and migration have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Department. The situation continues to be monitored according to a Department approved monitoring program.

Although the stream you are using to supplement your water supply has return to its original condition, I would not recommend utilizing it as a drinking water source for human consumption. All surface waters are subject to bacterial contamination that poses potential health risks. When you restore your water well to working condition, it would be prudent to request a water analysis from ERI prior to usage.

If you notice any reoccurrences of the problem or development of any new problems, please do not hesitate to call me at 570-327-0546.

Sincerely,

Caleb Woolever
Geologic Trainee
Oil and Gas Management

