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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

July 10, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. [REDACTED]

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Re: 58 Pa. C.S. § 3218 Notice of Presumption
Complaint No. 312409
Fox Township, Sullivan County

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has initiated an investigation of the possible degradation of your water supply well located at the address above in Fox Township, Sullivan County in response to a 5/26/2015 complaint that recent gas well drilling activities may have affected your water supply well. On 5/27/2015, the Department collected samples from your water supply and the samples were submitted to the Department's laboratory in Harrisburg for analysis. The analytical reports for the samples are included, as well as documents that will assist you with interpreting the sample results. The sample results revealed that Turbidity was measured at 5.33 NTU which exceeded the state drinking water primary MCL of 1 NTU, compared to the pre-drill sample level of <1NTU collected by Fairway Laboratories, Inc. on 10/22/2014. Primary MCLs are intended to reflect potential dangers to human health, while secondary MCLs reflect the aesthetics of the water (i.e. taste, smell, etc.).

Because drilling activities occurred at a gas well within two thousand five hundred feet of your water supply, and the pollution occurred and was reported within one year after completion of those activities, under Section 3218 of the Oil and Gas Act (58 Pa C.S. §3218), the gas well operator is presumed to be responsible for the degradation of your water supply.

The Department is continuing to work to permanently resolve this issue. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Jonathon Pennings at 570.662.0834.

Sincerely,

Jennifer W. Means
Environmental Program Manager
Eastern Oil and Gas District