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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OIL & GAS MANAGEMENT

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August 30, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. [REDACTED]

Re: Complaint ID 281911, [REDACTED]  
58 Pa. C.S. § 3218 Determination  
West Wheatfield Township, Indiana County

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has investigated the alleged pollution of your water supply well located at [REDACTED]. Samples from your water supply were collected by a qualified third party on 7/1/2010 and by DEP on 8/8/2011 and submitted to accredited laboratories for analysis.

DEP compared a January 2, 2009 "pre-drill" survey test of your water supply with the July 2010 and August 2011 tests. The comparison shows that in July 2010 and August 2011, iron and manganese were present in your water supply in concentrations that exceed the concentrations present in the pre-drill survey and exceed the drinking water standards for these parameters.

Because unconventional well drilling activities occurred at a gas well within 1,000 feet of your water supply and the pollution of your water supply occurred within six months of those activities, under Section 3218(c) of the Oil and Gas Act (58 P.S. §3218(c)), the gas well operator is presumed to be responsible for the pollution of your water supply.

Enclosed are copies of the analytical test results of the samples taken and a fact sheet to assist you in interpreting the results. If you have any questions about this determination, or if you would like to discuss this matter, please contact Amanda Sluss, Environmental Protection Compliance Specialist, at 412.442.4345 or via email at [asluss@pa.gov](mailto:asluss@pa.gov). The Department will keep you apprised of future developments.

Sincerely,

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District Oil and Gas Operations

Enclosures:

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