



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: DEP head takes issue with Dimock water stand

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Your newspaper's Oct. 21 editorial, "DEP decision on Dimock water was premature," ignores the reality that our decision was governed by the facts and the law.

We were guided by a legal agreement dating to the previous administration. Its terms have nothing to do with fear or emotion, or the timetable of the citizens' pending lawsuits in other arenas. Importantly, all who are part of that agreement and who want a water treatment system for their well can have one, and many residents already do.

That agreement also required Cabot to satisfy specific water provision obligations and meet certain requirements before they could stop providing water. Cabot satisfied those requirements, and the law, in turn, requires DEP to follow its obligations -- which we have done.

The real issue here is not safety; it's about a very vocal minority of Dimock residents who continue to demand that taxpayers should foot the bill for a nearly \$12 million public water line along Route 29 to serve about a dozen homes. This issue has, and continues to, pit neighbor against neighbor in Dimock.

Your readers deserve to know these facts.

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