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I just got home from an appointment with an oncologist after months of wondering if I had cancer (thankfully the blood tests were ok this time.)

She is referring me to an Endocrinologist. My body is excreting calcium at an unusually high rate. I have severe osteoporosis. These health issues have been difficult and I do not know where they will lead.

The medications offered for osteoporosis can cause grave damage to the body. The more I learn, the worse I feel about my future.

We have lived at 338 Big Hollow Road for almost 42 years. Our property is adjacent to the Walnut Grove development and the State College Airport.

I don't know how long PFAS has been contaminating our well but it is extremely distressing. I have strong reasons why this agreement should not be agreed to by DEP.

I have PFAS in my blood. My daughter does too. My husband and son do not yet know if they do. This is a direct result of having our well contaminated with PFAS from the airport. This has been and continues to be extremely upsetting.

I do know PFAS can cause some cancers, osteoporosis, high cholesterol, thyroid problems, ulcerative colitis, (which has caused our eyes to develop redness, burning and itching), developmental delays and negative effects on the body's immune system. My family members have had to deal with many of these issues. I have had good friends in Walnut Grove development die of cancer. Our dog died of cancer too, at a relatively young age. I just heard from another neighbor in Walnut Grove that her dog also died, at a relatively young age, also with cancerous tumors. Many dogs in that neighborhood have died over the years of cancer. This could be related to the contaminated water.

There is no mention in the Consent Order and Agreement of any financial help for health related issues from the PFAS contamination. PSU has contaminated our water and possibly our soil and should be responsible to us for the effects.

We have had our water tested but not our soil. If we need to connect to a sewer system how will we remove possibly contaminated hazardous soil?

PSU should be responsible to cover this cost.

After years of searching we found a beautiful piece of land here on Big Hollow.

We do not know if all of our 14 acres are contaminated by PFAS. This could greatly impact the value of our property, should we choose to subdivide or sell. The water and the soil could be contaminated. We know our water where the house sits has been. We do not know how far it spreads except to know that our neighbors also have PFAS contamination in their well. That makes me think it has contaminated the water under all of our 14 acres and possibly the soil as well.

It has been so upsetting to have to buy bottled water, rinse food and cook with it. We worry about it coming in through our pores when we wash ourselves. We have not been able to use our water for two and a half years and the contamination happened before that but we don't know how long we have been exposed. Long enough that it is in our blood.

We recently had a POET water system installed for us by DEP. This is after two and a half years of knowing our water had PFAS in it. We are grateful but it seems as though PSU is indicating that they will not be taking care of the expenses associated with its upkeep for very long. They should pay for the filters as needed and for the disposal of what will be hazardous waste in perpetuity. We did nothing to cause this problem and should be compensated for it.

If public water is brought to Walnut Grove development PSU should pay the costs of our water. When we built here, we paid to have a well. Our water was so good I used to take it into work with me. Now it is contaminated. This is forever. PFAS are forever chemicals. This is wrong. If Walnut Grove development gets public water, we may not, I don't know.

PSU needs to provide us with a permanent source of clean water because that is what they took from us.

I also have concerns about PSU rather than DEP doing the water testing in the future. This is a conflict of interest.

Another part of the agreement that seems wrong to me is: (page 17, paragraph j)

8 consecutive quarterly water samples showing PFAS levels below threshold...
Are these samples taken from my POET system? Are they taken from my contaminated well? Who is responsible for changing the filters in my POET water system? It should be PSU for the rest of time, not just for two years! Even if we get eight consecutive clean water samples, the problem still exists. Our well has been contaminated and we need PSU to provide a working filtration system and pay to maintain it and remove the hazardous waste forever, not just for two years!

The agreement states the "PSU is the responsible party" for the release but PSU does not admit responsibility. They actually call themselves 'harmless'. This is misleading and confusing.

This does not just affect our land. I am upset that they contaminated an area of Spring Creek but are not showing any plans of remediating it.

I recently learned that the new site for Clearwater Conservancy in Houserville has PFAS in their well. THIS COULD MEAN THAT ALL THE HOUSES BETWEEN 338 BIG HOLLOW AND HOUSERVILLE HAVE CONTAMINATED WELLS ALSO.

THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE AREA IS MUCH LARGER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT AND THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE AGREED UPON !

I find it very upsetting that this may be declared 'The final solution' and then PSU would be done paying for anything. THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY A FINAL SOLUTION!

Penn State contaminated our water and is responsible for providing us with clean water in

perpetuity as well as compensating us for medical issues now and in the future and removing toxic soil and waste. It also may have ruined the water of all of our 14 acres, seriously impacting future resale value. How safe is it for our grandson to play in possibly contaminated PFAS soil?

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