



April 30, 2024

Re: Preliminary PFAS Groundwater Investigation  
Near Brookside Mobile Home Park  
North Centre Township, Columbia County

Dear Residents:

In recent years, much attention has been given to a class of chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. PFAS are a family of over 9000 compounds commonly used in consumer and industrial products since the 1940s for their heat, water, and stain resistant properties. These chemicals are found in items such as non-stick cookware, waterproof clothing and fabrics, paper food packaging, certain types of firefighting foams, etc. among many others. Unfortunately, the qualities that make PFAS useful also make them persistent in the environment, meaning they do not readily breakdown. As our understanding of these chemicals increases, so does our awareness of potential harmful impacts to human health and the environment.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has recently become aware of a Public Water Supply in the vicinity of your property that has had detections of at least two PFAS compounds (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)) above current drinking water standards. DEP is initiating a preliminary groundwater investigation in order to start to delineate the groundwater plume and to identify any potential receptors. As part of that effort, DEP is contacting you to determine if you are currently utilizing a private water supply well, and if so, we are requesting access to test the well for PFAS compounds. Enclosed is a well survey form that we respectfully request you fill out and return in the stamped envelope provided. Please reply by May 17, 2024, if possible. For more information about PFAS, please visit our webpage at ([www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS](http://www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS)).

This testing will be conducted at no expense to you as the property owner, and analytical results will be shared for your records. DEP appreciates your consideration and cooperation as we gather this critical information. If you have any questions or concerns upon receipt of this letter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [csinclair@pa.gov](mailto:csinclair@pa.gov) or 272.215.6512 or John Ciccone at [jjciccone@pa.gov](mailto:jjciccone@pa.gov) or 570.205.2672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Sinclair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Sinclair, P.G.  
Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program

Enclosures

**PRIVATE WELL QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**  
**Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program**  
**Northcentral Regional Office**

North Centre Township PFAS Investigation

PROJECT OFFICER: John Ciccone EMAIL: jciccone@pa.gov

PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(leave blank if same as above)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this property served by a private well or a public waterline? (please circle) PRIVATE WELL PUBLIC  
If served by public waterline, you do not need to fill out the rest of this survey but please still mail back)

Is this a rental unit? (please circle) YES NO (If a rental, please provide both owner and tenant contact info. Use the back of this form if you need more room.)

Number of occupants: \_\_\_\_\_ Year moved into residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth of well (in feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Age of well: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the well driller/installer (may be listed on well cap): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use your well for drinking water? (please circle) YES NO

Do you treat your water? (please circle) YES NO

If YES: (please circle) Water Softener Carbon Filtration Unit  
Reverse Osmosis Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, can the treatment unit be bypassed to collect an untreated sample? YES NO

Has your well been previously tested for PFAS? (please circle) YES NO

If YES, please provide us with a copy of the previous results that includes the date of the test, the entity name of the sampler, and the lab that completed the analysis.)

To help expedite scheduling, please indicate if we may use an outdoor spigot to collect a sample during regular business hours: (please circle) YES NO

I hereby consent to DEP and/or its contractors accessing the above property to conduct the sampling described in the accompanying letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*Please use the back of this form for any additional contact information or details about your well*