



September 26, 2024

North Centre Township Supervisors  
1059 State Route 93  
Berwick, PA 18603

Re: North Centre Township PFAS Investigation  
N. Centre Township, Columbia County

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for discussing our groundwater investigation in North Centre township with us earlier this week. As was requested, below is a brief update on our investigation for both your information and any concerned resident.

PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is conducting sampling of private residential supply wells in the vicinity of the Brookside Mobile Home Park due to the detection of contaminants in the park's water supply wells in April 2024. The contaminants of concern are PFAS, which are a class of chemicals used in manufacturing processes and in many household products (for example Teflon or stain guards) and also in firefighting foams. PFAS are often referred to as "forever chemicals". Initial sample results DEP collected have also identified private wells that are impacted above DEP's cleanup standards and DEP is continuing our sampling efforts to determine the extent of these impacts. Any resident who received a letter requesting access to sample their well, and has not yet reached out to DEP, is encouraged to do so. The sampling is being conducted at no charge to residents and results are shared as DEP receives them. Should private well samples indicate that PFAS compounds are present at unacceptable levels, bottled water is being provided, again at no cost to the residents.

DEP has also retained the services of an environmental consultant to perform an investigation that will include collecting additional residential well samples, collecting soil samples and installing monitoring wells in an attempt to identify sources for the contamination. The consultant will also be evaluating long term solutions to providing safe drinking water to impacted residents.

As the investigation progresses, further information will be shared with North Centre Township and the impacted residents. If you have questions about DEP's North Centre Township PFAS investigation, please visit our webpage at ([www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS](http://www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS)) for general information, or reach out to John Ciccone at [jjciccone@pa.gov](mailto:jjciccone@pa.gov) or 570.205.2672 or Cheryl Sinclair at [csinclair@pa.gov](mailto:csinclair@pa.gov) or 570.327.3418 with any site specific questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Sinclair".

Cheryl Sinclair  
Environmental Group Manager  
Site Remediation – Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

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