

August 28, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

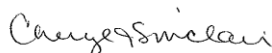
As you may be aware, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been working with Avery Dennison to investigate and mitigate risk posed by a groundwater contaminant plume from the former Paxar Corporation facility located on Wilcox Street in Sayre, PA. A significant amount of data on chlorinated solvent plume(s) has been collected from monitoring wells. Chlorinated solvents, specifically trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) which are the main constituents of the plume, were commonly used in industry, primarily from the 1930s to the 1970s. As the investigation has progressed, it has become apparent that groundwater contamination in some areas is likely to have originated from sources other than Paxar.

In order to ensure that all citizens of the commonwealth are protected, DEP is utilizing Hazardous Site Cleanup Fund money to begin an independent investigation of the groundwater plume(s). The goal of DEP's investigation is to identify any additional potential sources and also to determine whether these areas pose an unacceptable risk to residents who live in those neighborhoods. One such neighborhood is in the immediate vicinity of your home. As part of our investigation, DEP's Environmental Cleanup Program will be installing both monitoring wells to identify sources of contamination and soil vapor monitoring points to determine if soil vapors emanating from the groundwater contamination are at a level that might pose an indoor air risk to residents. DEP's staff and contractors will be visiting your neighborhood, along with drilling contractors bidding on the work and utility contractors marking out underground utilities, starting in early September 2019. DEP contractors plan to begin installing wells and soil vapor monitoring points the week of October 14, 2019. You may notice drilling equipment and assembly activity during that time.

After the monitoring wells and soil vapor points are installed, samples will be collected that will provide data to be evaluated by DEP staff and our contractors. Once we receive and review this data, we can determine whether there are any identifiable source areas or potential risks to the residents near these sample points, or whether additional sampling is required. We will keep residents up to date on our progress and the results of our investigation as it develops.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 570.327.3418. I may also be reached by e-mail at csinclair@pa.gov.

Sincerely



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