

Sayre/South Waverly HSCA Investigation Update February 10, 2020

DEP has completed the first phase of the Sayre/South Waverly Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) Investigation and received the first round of analyses for groundwater monitoring well and soil gas samples collected in December 2019.

The map on **Page 2** of this document shows the location of groundwater monitoring wells that were sampled as part of DEP's HSCA investigation in South Waverly and Sayre Boroughs. This includes wells that were recently installed by DEP, and several pre-existing wells from a previous investigation. The sample results that exceeded the Statewide Health Standards for drinking water are noted on the map. DEP's standard for Tetrachloroethene (PCE) is 5 micrograms/liter (ug/l).

The map on **Page 3** of this document shows the location of the <u>soil gas sampling points</u> that were sampled as part of DEP's HSCA investigation in South Waverly and Sayre Boroughs. This includes soil gas sampling points that were recently installed by DEP, and several pre-existing soil gas sampling points from a previous investigation. The sample results that exceeded the Statewide Health Standard vapor intrusion screening levels are noted on the map. DEP's standard for trichloroethene is 80 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3).

DEP plans to conduct a second round of sampling in March 2020 to verify these results. Once both rounds of sampling data have been received and reviewed, the data collected will be evaluated to help determine the next appropriate step(s) in the investigation.

The investigation is assessing vapor intrusion risk, which occurs when there is migration of chemicals in vapor form from a subsurface source such as soil or groundwater into overlying buildings. The standards referenced above are based on possible health effects due to long term exposure using very conservative assumptions. Once DEP has verified the results, the next step is to determine any potential risk to nearby residences.

DEP is committed to keeping the community updated on the progress of the Sayre/South Waverly HSCA investigation. This and future updates will be posted on the DEP Northcentral Regional Office Community Information page at https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/North-central-Regional-Office/Community-Information/Pages/Sayre-HSCA-Investigation.aspx.



