



July 3, 2019

Marianne K. Morano
Township Manager
East Rockhill Township
1622 N. Ridge Road
Perkasie, PA 18944

Re: Ridge Run PFAS HSCA Site
East and West Rockhill Townships, Bucks County

Dear Ms. Morano:

Thank you for meeting with DEP personnel on June 27, 2019. As we discussed during the meeting, the purpose of this letter is to clarify DEP's position regarding the Statement of Decision that was issued on April 18, 2019.

DEP considers the response selected in the Statement of Decision to be an interim response. In response to many comments received during the public comment period, DEP indicated that at the end of a one-year period, it would evaluate whether or not circumstances exist that would allow an interim response to exceed 12 months in duration under the HSCA definition of "interim response" and, if so, whether the 12-month period should be extended accordingly.

Since the issuance of the Statement of Decision, DEP has determined that the necessary circumstances exist to allow its interim response to exceed 12 months in duration. Based on that determination, DEP no longer intends to transfer maintenance of the filtration systems to the residents after the 12-month period. Instead, DEP plans to monitor and maintain the filtration systems to ensure that they are working properly for the duration of its investigation of the Site.

In addition, DEP will not request that impacted residents sign an Environmental Covenant prior to the installation of the systems. DEP will ask impacted residents to sign an agreement to grant DEP access to install and maintain the filters. Each of the impacted residents will receive a cover letter for the access agreement which will explain DEP's plans to monitor the filtration systems for the duration of its investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, DEP will use available data to make a final decision. Once DEP makes that decision, a public meeting will be scheduled to inform the residents. We will continue to update the website to keep the public informed as much as possible as our investigation continues.

Ms. Morano

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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Ragesh R. Patel, the Manager of the Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program at 484.250.5716 or by email at rapatel@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick L. Patterson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Patrick L. Patterson
Regional Director

cc: Bucks County Health Department (w/enclosures)
Mr. R. Patel
Ms. McClennen
Mr. Fogel
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