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Thomas Callaghan
DEP
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Re: Consumer Confidence Report 2007

Dear Mr. Callaghan,

I have received my Consumer Confidence Report 2007 from the Kline Township Municipal Authority. I have several questions and/or requests regarding this announcement.

I will list them numerically and expect an answer to all of the items listed. If DEP is unable to provide an answer I expect a reason why and contact information as to where I can find answers:

1. The report shows the Arsenic level for Well# 6 @ 27.3ppb. This level is well over the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and I would like to know what steps are under way to provide my neighbors with safe drinking water?
2. I have sent many complaints to your office over the A/C Fuels fly ash dump leaching contaminants into the wetlands; are the high Arsenic levels a result of this contamination?
3. Why does my Consumer Confidence Report 2007 fail to list Fly Ash as a possible source for the high Arsenic Levels? This is a reasonable source of contamination considering the close proximity of these wells to the DEP permitted fly ash dumps.
4. The report fails to mention the Arsenic levels for Well#6. This is the well that provides water, according to the report, for my family. I am requesting all of the test results for Well #6.
5. The Alpha Emitters (2003) and Beta/photon emitters are high; why was the last test done in 2003 and not every year? The fact that they are not required by law is an unacceptable response for monitoring radioactive contaminants in my water supply.
6. Why does my report list the possible source of contamination as "Erosion of natural deposits" when coal fly ash contains radioactive contaminants and there are several fly ash dumps in close proximity to these wells?
7. I have one final question regarding the Radiological Chemicals listed in my report. Why did DEP fail to instruct the local residents affected to drink their water only from a filtered water supply? According to the report drinking Arsenic at levels

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that exceed the MCl could result in skin damage, circulatory problems and cancer. A blanket warning advising residents to consult their physicians' is lame and irresponsible.

Sincerely,

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