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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

December 29, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.: [REDACTED]

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Subject Property:
2676 Post Pond Road
Montrose, PA 18801

Re: 58 Pa. C.S. § 3218 Determination
Complaint No.308376
Bridgewater Township, Susquehanna County

Dear [REDACTED]

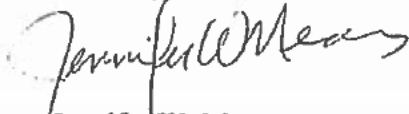
The Department has investigated the possible degradation of your water supply well located at the above referenced subject address in Bridgewater Township, Susquehanna County, in response to an October 23, 2014 complaint received from your property manager that recent gas well drilling activities may have affected your water supply well. On November 12, 2014 the Department collected samples from your water supply. The samples were submitted to the Department's laboratory in Harrisburg for analysis. The analytical reports for the samples are included, as well as documents that will assist you with interpreting the sample results. The sample results showed elevations above Department standards. Iron at 0.74 mg/L exceeded its secondary MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) of 0.3 mg/L. Secondary MCLs reflect the aesthetics of the water (i.e. taste, smell, etc.). Turbidity was detected at 5.9 NTU, which is also above the standard of 1 NTU. Both iron and turbidity were also elevated above previous pre-drill sampling results.

Because drilling activities occurred at a gas well within two thousand five hundred feet of your water supply, and the pollution occurred and was reported within one year after completion of those activities, under Section 3218 of the Oil and Gas Act (58 Pa C.S. §3218), the gas well operator is presumed to be responsible for the degradation of your water supply.

The Department is continuing to work to permanently resolve this issue. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mike O'Donnell at 570.346.5530.

December 29, 2014

Sincerely,



Jennifer W. Means
Environmental Program Manager
Eastern Oil and Gas District

Enclosures:

Laboratory Analytical Results
"How to Interpret A Water Analysis Report"

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cc:

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