



December 10, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. [REDACTED]

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Re: Water Supply Request for Investigation 297302
Impact to Water Supply; Operator/Source Not Determined
Benezette Township, Elk County

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is regarding your water supply. The Department's investigation indicates that oil and gas activities polluted the Water Supply. This information is summarized below.

CASE INFORMATION

Date of Complaint	Nature of Complaint (odor, taste, quantity, use, color)	Pollution
June 6, 2013	Has had methane in supply since 1996, wants the Department to investigate again.	Barium, Manganese, Methane, Chlorides, Iron

At this time, the Department's investigation has determined that your Water Supply has been impacted by historic oil or gas well drilling, altering, or operating, or site construction activities, however, a specific source was not able to be identified. It is likely the source of the methane and other pollutants present in your water supply are due to abandoned wells drilled in the 1950's. One (1) of the abandoned wells has been located and will be plugged as part of the Department's Orphan and Abandoned Well Plugging Program. Should additional abandoned wells be located, the Department will add them to the Orphan and Abandoned Well Plugging Program for future plugging contracts.

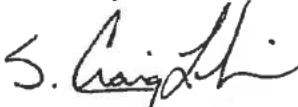
Please see the attached documents, which include sampling results regarding the quality of the Water Supply, as well as information regarding interpreting those results, and important safety information regarding the methane in the Water Supply.

December 7, 2015

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If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Joe Lichtinger, P.G.

Sincerely,



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NWRO District Oil and Gas Manager
District Oil and Gas Operations

Enclosures:

Fact Sheet - Interpreting Water Supply Results
Fact Sheet - Stray Gas
Laboratory Results

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