Pennsylvania
Department of
Environmental Protection

May 7, 2025

Township of Mount Pleasant
558 Millertown Rd
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Re: PFAS Investigation
Expansion of Investigation Area
DEP sampling of residential wells

Dear Residents,

In April 2024, PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Safe Drinking Water Program became aware that a drinking water supply well sampled at Brookside Village Mobile Home Park had detections of Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) compounds above drinking water standards. As a result, DEP's Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program began sampling private residential drinking water supply wells in the immediate area. To date nearly 100 residential wells have been sampled and the sampling is ongoing. The sampling results received to date indicate that water from a number of private wells are impacted above the drinking water standards.

PFAS are a class of chemicals, often referred to as "forever chemicals", commonly used in consumer and industrial products since the 1940s. In April 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set federal drinking water standards for six (6) PFAS compounds listed below along with a hazard index when there is a mixture of certain compounds.

Regulated Substance:	**MSC or MCL** (ng/L = nanograms per liter)
perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS)	2000 ng/L
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	4.0 ng/L
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	4.0 ng/L
perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)	10 ng/L
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (GenXchemicals)	10 ng/L
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	10 ng/L
mixture of two or more PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	Hazard Index of 1

Records from both DEP and the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority indicate that in the 1980s-1990s municipal sewage sludge was applied on multiple agricultural fields as fertilizer. Your home is near one of the farms where application was permitted. Recent results from samples collected in your immediate area have also shown impacts.

DEP is continuing our residential well sampling efforts as part of our environmental investigation to determine which properties are impacted. We are requesting access to your home to collect a sample of your drinking water given your proximity to other drinking water wells whose water is known to be impacted. Kindly complete the enclosed form to the best of your knowledge and return it to us via the e-mail address below or USPS, and we will reach out to schedule the sampling with you. Any sampling DEP conducts will be at no expense to the property owner, and analytical results will be shared as we receive them. Should your well contain levels of PFAS above the drinking water standards, you will be provided with alternative drinking water at no cost to you. If you previously received a letter requesting access to sample your well, and have not yet responded, please feel free to do so.

Meanwhile, you will likely have questions about PFAS – please visit our webpage at (www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS) for general information and some information on the site, or reach out to Valentina Shevchenko at vshevchenk@pa.gov or 570.244.0814 or Cheryl Sinclair at csinclair@pa.gov or 570.327.3418 with any site specific questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A Sinclair

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Enclosed: Well Information Questionnaire

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