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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

P.O. Box 669
Knox, PA 16232-0669
May 27, 2009

Knox District Office

814-797-1191



Re: Act 223, Section 208 Determination
CID No. ~~262678~~ 48 262648
Knox Township, Jefferson County

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Dear [Redacted]

The Department has investigated the pollution of your water supply well in response to your call of April 20, 2009.

Laboratory analysis of a sample from your water well taken April 23, 2009, has been compared to an analysis of a sample taken on January 12, 2009, by G & C Coal Analysis Lab, Inc. This comparison reveals dramatically increased iron levels in the well.

The Pa. Oil and Gas Act creates a presumption of responsibility for a water supply that is polluted, is within 1000 feet of an oil or gas well, and the pollution occurs within six months of the completion of drilling the oil or gas well.

Therefore, Snyder Brothers, Inc. is presumed responsible for the pollution of your water well and is required by the Oil and Gas Act to restore or replace the affected water supply with an alternate source of water, adequate in quality and quantity for the purpose served.

As we've discussed, it may be possible to remove the accumulated sediments from your well to achieve this requirement. The Department is working on an Order to require Snyder Brothers, Inc. to restore or replace your water supply.

I am enclosing copies of the laboratory analysis report for the sample I took at your residence and of the sample taken by G & C on January 12, 2009, as well as a DEP fact sheet to assist in interpreting those results.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Neely
Water Quality Specialist
Oil and Gas Management

Enclosures

- cc: NWRO File – Oil and Gas, w/Enc.
- Scott Lux
- Mark Ansell
- Don Cornell
- Doug Neely

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