

January 19, 2007

Recipient name
Recipient address

Re: Property at 3004 W. Elm St., McHenry
1110605163 – McHenry County
General Correspondence

Dear Recipient:

Please Note: If you use public water (i.e., if you receive a water bill from your local municipality) and are not presently using a private well for your source of water, this notification does not apply to you.

If you do use a well for your source of water, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) wishes to give notice under subsection 25d-3 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act that chemical contamination has been detected in the groundwater on the property at 3004 W. Elm Street in McHenry, Illinois.

Information collected from sampling monitoring wells on this site showed significant levels of chemical solvents – tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2 DCE), and vinyl chloride are present in the groundwater at the site at levels that exceed safe drinking water comparison values. These comparison values, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), are developed by U.S. EPA for safe public drinking water supplies.

The levels of chemicals in the groundwater at this site pose a threat to area wells. Exposure to low levels over long periods may lead to impaired immune system function and may increase the risk of kidney or liver cancer or other damage. Consequently, the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Department of Public Health recommend that you have your well tested for the presence of these chemicals.

McHenry County Health Department has already tested seven area non-community wells, and the results indicate low levels of vinyl chloride at three locations. Additionally, the site owner's contractor is testing some private wells in the area to find out whether the wells have been impacted by the site and to help define the area of concern. The site owner is enrolled in a remediation program with Illinois EPA to cleanup the contamination. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information.

For your use, we have enclosed a list of laboratories in Illinois that are approved for testing and general procedures for collecting water samples. Once samples have been analyzed at a laboratory, you may contact the Illinois Department of Public Health, West Chicago Regional Office at 630/293-6800 for an explanation of the test results.

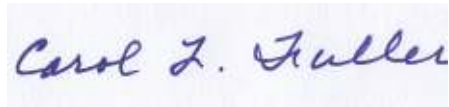
If you have any questions about this mailing, you may contact:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol L. Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light blue rectangular background.

Carol L. Fuller
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