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Joan Underwood  
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SUBJECT: Lime Kiln Park Investigation, Sampling Private Wells

Dear Ms. Underwood:

I am very disappointed that you have taken a position that sampling private wells along Green Bay road will be delayed until the Village's responsibility is confirmed. The overriding public health issue, balanced against the nominal cost of sampling, makes this position remarkably niggardly.

Please be mindful that our agency was invited by EPA to attach cost recovery to the consent agreement signed by the Village, but we forgave our investigative costs. More than 50 VOC samples and more than 200 DNR staff hours were used (~\$24,000). Also, contrary to policy, I allowed the use of contaminated private wells for study rather than insisting on proper abandonment, thus providing considerable savings over construction of additional monitoring wells. These funds could now provide the reassurance the public was promised, but this appears secondary to the Village disassociating itself from the problem.

I also ask if you can be *more specific* regarding when you might actually sample fringe private wells. A time frame (e.g. "no later than") will be more reassuring to Town residents than "during one of the upcoming sampling events".

If the Village declines to sample the two wells along Green Bay road concurrent with other wells, or prior to the week of April 27, this department will once again conduct that monitoring.

Sincerely,

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