

Borit Community Advisory Group
Ambler, PA.

Ambler Borough Water Department,
Attn., Mr Phil, Benigno
122 East Butler Ave.,
Ambler PA 19002

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Dear Mr Benigno,

Following the telephone conversation last month with Borit CAG member Mr. Gordon Chase regarding Ambler Borough water well data, please accept this correspondence as our official data request. More specifically, we would advise and request the following:

Ambler Borough may be aware that, as part of the on-going remedial investigation, the consulting firm of Camp Dresser McKee (CDM), under instruction from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), carried out a series of groundwater well tests under the Borit Asbestos Super-fund site in the fall of 2010. On February 25th 2011, CDM issued a Preliminary Phase 2 Groundwater Report to the EPA, which is now a matter of public record and available on-line at:

http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/npl/PAD981034887/documents/Preliminary_Phase_2_Groundwater_Report-2011.pdf

This informative report has been studied by Mr Chase in his capacity as a CAG member and part of the CAG's remediation work-group. In his review (see Borit web site <http://www.boritcag.org/pdf/GLC%20evaluation%20of%20phase%20%20water%20sampling%20text.pdf>), Mr Chase highlights the exceedances of contaminants found in the groundwater and soils detailed in the CDM report. These contaminants include asbestos, arsenic, manganese, vanadium, carbon tetrachloride, tetrachloroethene, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate and dioxins, some of which were found at 2 orders of magnitude above the EPA's screening levels and some at levels many times higher than the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) laid down for drinking water. Obviously the groundwater under Borit, from which these samples were taken, is not at the same locations or depths as the Ambler Borough drinking water wells, but the fact remains that contaminants from the Borit site have reached the groundwater in serious enough concentrations to require further investigation by the EPA and CAG, and should be of interest to Ambler Borough.

Part of the on-going investigation will include a study of the hydro-geological pathways that may be present between Borit and the Ambler Borough drinking water supply. To enable us to understand these possible pathways we need to know the physical locations of the Ambler Borough wells, together with the latest water well test data for both operative and non operative wells. Geological core data of the wells themselves will also be of use in better understanding the geology of the region. To this end, the data from the PA DEP web site: <http://www.drinkingwater.state.pa.us/dwrsbroker/broker.exe> gives depths, elevations and static water levels as last recorded in 1998. We would much appreciate your confirmation, or otherwise, that this data is still valid.

Thank you, in advance, for your kind consideration and cooperation with the Borit CAG and Mr Chase in this matter, which has obvious concerns for the community at large. Mr Chase can be reached at 215 542 0414 and by email at gordonchase2000@yahoo.co.uk.

Best Regards,

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