

Email from PADEP Lynda Rebarchak April 4th 2012 regarding Ambler Borough well sample testing for exempted contaminants

Good morning, all!

Sorry for the delay in getting this information back to you. I wanted to get clarification on a couple of issues from our Safe Drinking Water staff first, which took a bit longer than I thought.

Regarding the Bis(2-ethylhexy)Phthalate sampling dating back to 1995, and samples collected in 2011 showing continued non-detection -- I confirmed that samples were not collected in the years between 1995 and 2011. Our previous waiver process allowed for longer periods in between sampling. That process was changed with the update of Pennsylvania's Safe Drinking Water regulations (Chapter 109) in 2011. Three years is now the longest period sampling can be waived.

Regarding sampling for Dioxin in 2011, and questions if Ambler Water Authority was required to test for this compound prior to that time -- I confirmed there was no requirement, as dioxin was given a statewide waiver in 1995. Since the new waiver process required public water suppliers to submit either a new waiver application or sample, Ambler opted to sample first in 2011, then apply for a waiver. I hope this helps! See you all this evening...

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