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Subject: Re: Ambler Boro Water Dept (PWSID 1460020) Susceptibility waivers

Dear Ms Roncetti,

Many thanks for your email dated January 30th 2012 regarding the Ambler Borough water testing exemptions. Firstly, apologies are in order for the delay in our response, but the full BoRit Community Advisory Group meets only once every two months and your correspondence arrived just prior to the Feb 1st meeting. We wanted to review and discuss your correspondence. In addition we have not received a response from Ambler Borough. Lynda Rebarchak has assisted us in understanding the data on the PADEP web site regarding sampling and test results and this was much appreciated and most helpful.

The RR&M committee comments as below:

1. With regard to BEHP: You stated that there have been no detects in any of Ambler's entry points dating back to 1995 and that samples collected in 2011 reaffirmed non detection of this compound. We sought clarification about whether there had been any sampling at all of BEHP or Dioxins between 1996 and 2010 and were advised that there had been none. The absence of sampling/testing cannot assure an absence or otherwise of the contaminants of concern over the 15 year period in question. It is encouraging that the 2011 sampling did not detect these contaminants.
2. In view of the proximity of Ambler Borough wells #4 and #9 to the BoRit and Ambler Piles Superfund sites and the contamination of ground water found in EPA testing at BoRit, we hereby request that PA DEP ask Ambler Borough to test these two wells at least once per year (and preferably twice) for those contaminants of interest detailed in the EPA "Phase 2 Groundwater Report" of February 25th 2011. We believe this request to be fair and reasonable and in the interest of public health and safety.

We hope you will review this request favorably and look forward to your considered response in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Gordon Chase
Chair, RR&M Committee,
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