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ARMY RESERVE BASE UPDATE

from: Tommy Ryan
Township Manager

date: March 6, 2017

re: update

Below please find an update on the North Penn US Army Reserve Base:

- The Army has tested the five monitoring wells on this property. Test results at four of the five wells show levels of preflourinated compounds, including PFOA and PFOS, that are above the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (PPT). The enclosed map shows the location of these wells – MW #1, MW #2, MW #4 and MW #5 – and the combined PFOA and PFOS detected at each well. No significant results were found at the fifth monitoring well, MW #3.

MW #4 is the same monitoring well that was tested last year. The preflourinated compounds found at that time were reported to you by the Township last September.

While any level of preflourinated compounds above the EPA advisory limit warrants concern, the lower levels recorded at the wells that surround MW #4 indicate the greatest impact might be centered on that portion of the Army Reserve base that was used for fire-fighting training exercises. PFOA and PFOS were once commonly used in fire-fighting activities, and are the same chemicals as those found at other Department of Defense properties in recent months.

The US Army must conduct additional testing to determine the extent of any problem, and must complete any remediation measures that may be required. The Army is now in the process of testing wells located on four neighboring properties. When additional information becomes available, this information will be posted to the Worcester Township website, worcestertwp.com.

As always, please contact me at the Township Building at the below telephone number, by cell at (484) 885-8775, or by e-mail at tryan@worcestertwp.com should you have any questions, require additional information or if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you.