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Subject: PFAS detections in private wells at Imminent Hazard Concentrations and intent to conduct the IRA; 2-0021866

Attachments: 32200400_FINAL_64 Bean Porridge Hill.pdf; 32200401_FINAL_72 Bean Porridge Hill.pdf; 32200402_FINAL_66 Bean Porridge Hill.pdf; 2-0021866 - Westminster - REDACTED Lab Report.pdf

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Bill and Diane,

It was a pleasure speaking with you both this morning. As I noted this morning, MassDEP has identified two Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for PFAS contamination in groundwater resulting in detections of PFAS in private drinking water wells along Bean Porridge Hill Road in Westminster, Massachusetts Natural Fertilizer Co. Inc. as operator at the property at 65 Bean Porridge Hill Road in Westminster, and Otter Farm, Inc. as the owner of the property. The detections, up to 1,815 parts per trillion (ppt) pose an Imminent Hazard as defined by the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000 and must be addressed immediately through the performance of an Immediate Response Action (IRA) under the oversight of a Licensed Site Professional, engaged by PRPs to oversee work under the MCP. For reference, the concentration of PFAS for reporting to MassDEP in a private drinking water well (RCGW-1) is 20 ppt and the Imminent Hazard concentration of PFAS in a private drinking water well is 90 ppt.

In response to the detections in private drinking water wells, MassDEP had initiated its contractor (ESM) for the installation of Point of Entry Treatment Systems (POETs) at each affected residence to immediately abate the Imminent Hazard.

MassDEP appreciates the verbal commitment you have made in working to address the Imminent Hazards in private wells through hiring an LSP and conducting the IRA. **The immediate concern and the commitment MassDEP is requiring, is that by the close of business today, to provide MassDEP with:**

- The name of your Licensed Site Professional (LSP). MassDEP will communicate with both you and your LSP and approve the actions required by MassDEP regarding the Immediate Response Actions (IRA) necessary to first address the Imminent Hazards identified due to PFAS contamination detected in several private wells in the vicinity of your property.
- A commitment by Massachusetts Natural Landscaping and/or Otter Farms, Inc. to assume the work MassDEP has initiated for
 - the provision of bottled water
 - the installation of the POETs as soon as possible (installations expected to occur within the next week or less) and;
 - immediate sampling of any additional private wells within 500 feet of any detection of PFAS in a private drinking water well.

If you do not commit or communicate your commitment to the above bullets **by the close of business today**, MassDEP will have no alternative than to continue through its contractor to continue to provide bottled water while we expeditiously arrange for the installation of POETs at residences with private drinking water sampling results greater

than the RCGW-1 MCP reporting concentration, and sample additional private wells within 500 feet as dictated by any detection in any private drinking water well. MassDEP is authorized, under M.G.L. Ch. 21e to seek up to three times the cost of actions conducted by MassDEP with the addition of MassDEP staff oversight costs.

You can reference the information MassDEP has available through Release Tracking Number 2-0021886 using the following link: [Energy & Environmental Affairs Data Portal \(state.ma.us\)](https://energyandenvironmentalaffairs.state.ma.us)

As I noted on the call, if the data is not available, there may be a delay while DEP compiles the data and uploads it to the data portal.

I have attached the laboratory results for the private well sampling conducted thus far (the redacted address is 67 Bean Porridge Rd). The technical lead you can contact for RTN 2-0021866 is Paul Vigeant, PFAS Branch Chief at MassDEP in the Central Regional Office. I have included Paul in this email. Paul's DEP cell # is (617) 418-0406.

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