



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 REGION III
 6TH AND WALNUT STREETS
 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

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Honorable Gus Yatron
 House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Yatron:

Earlier this year you expressed an interest in the groundwater contamination problem in Longswamp Township, Berks County. This letter will serve to update you on the situation.

EPA, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER), installed three groundwater monitoring wells on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Van Elswyck. Data from their wells indicated that groundwater contamination is essentially localized in the vicinity of the Van Elswyck property; however, some migration of the contamination from this central point is occurring. On March 16, 1983 EPA sampled the drinking water of 27 residences, one public water supply and two groundwater seeps in the area. The results have shown high levels of contamination in three of the residences (unfit for human consumption), and low level contamination (within acceptable standards) for seven residents and the public water supply. The residents with high levels of contamination have been notified by EPA and DER.

EPA Region III has requested emergency Superfund monies from Headquarters to deal with the contamination threat to the drinking water. In addition, the site is presently being evaluated for possible inclusion on the National Priorities List for Superfund remedial action.

Your continued interest in this problem is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information is required.

Sincerely yours,

Peter N. Bibko
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 Regional Administrator

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CONTROL NO: AL-05330

DUE DATE: 11/23/82

FROM: HONORABLE GUS YATRON D/PA/06
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON , DC 20515

INCOMING: 11/03/82

RECEIVED: 11/05/82

ASSIGNED: 11/08/82

CLOSED: _____

CONSTITUENT: MR. JEFFREY T. SICHER
MERTZTOWN,, PA

SUBJECT: TOXIC WASTE IN UNDERGROUND WATER SUPPLY

ASSIGNED: 1 REGION 3

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SIGNATURE: REGION 3 ADMINISTRATOR

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

SEND COPY OF REPLY ALONG WITH ORIGINAL CONTROL SLIP TO
MARGARITA WILLIAMS A-103 HQS.

NOTE:

NECESSARY COPIES:

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FROM <i>Tom Gattner</i>		CONTROL NO. <i>AL 05330</i>	
SUBJECT AND DATE <i>Tonic Truck in Underground Water Supply Longway Township, Berks County, PA</i>		DATE REC'D <i>11/21/82</i>	
		DUE DATE <i>1/26/83 11/19/82</i>	
REFERRED (1) <i>12994</i>	(2) <i>Water</i>	(3) <i>SAPT</i>	(4)
DATE		<i>7/13/83</i>	
REPLY SENT TO		DATE RELEASED	
REMARKS Please prepare Draft response for Regional Administrator's signature. Please enclose <u>5</u> copies of the incoming letter with Division's response and forward to Larry Teller. List name and phone number of originator.		ACKNOWLEDGED - DATE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO ANSWER NEEDED <input type="checkbox"/> (Explain in remarks)	

EPA Form 5180-1 (6-72)
REPLACES FWPCA FORM 72 AND
FORM 73 WHICH MAY NOT BE USED

MAIL CONTROL SCHEDULE

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ORIGINAL
Jeffrey T. Sicher
Box 188 R.D. # 1
Mertztown, Pa. 19539

October 27, 1982

Dear Gus,

I am writing in referance to a VERY SERIOUS problem. TOXIC WASTE IN THE UNDERGROUND WATER SUPPLY.

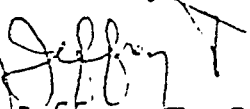
One specific case is the Van Elswyck property and their neighbors in Longswamp Township, Berks County PA. They have been trying for months to get the EPA and DER to get them a clean water supply and CLEAN UP the toxic pollution in their wells. So far nothing has happened.

This is not a private problem. This water can travel many miles and effect many other property owners.

I understand that the cost to clean up toxic waste is very expensive, but the expense is nothing compared to what can be lost in property values, taxes and the public's health.

I am urging you to write to the DER and EPA and urge them to clean up toxic waste sights and urge the federal government to find a solution to store toxic waste safely.
PLEASE HELP !!!

Sincerely,


Jeffrey T. Sicher
Concerned Citizen

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GUS YATRON
6TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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November 3, 1982

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Mr. Pat Gaskins
Congressional Liaison Officer
Environmental Protection Agency
West Tower, Room 833
A-102
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Gaskins:

I am contacting you on behalf of Mr. Jeffrey T. Sicher.

Enclosed is correspondence I received that is self-explanatory. Please be assured that I will sincerely appreciate your providing me information with which to respond to this request for assistance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Gus Yatron
GUS YATRON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

11/5/82

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