

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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I have been told that there is someone living in the Moore's Store building. If this is true, what is being done to provide an alternative water supply for these people. Will this effort continue with the consultant that wins the bid? If so, we need more information? If this well is not being used, has there been any consideration of abandoning it as it may be acting as a conduit for the vertical transmission of contaminants. In fact, this well may be the source of the petroleum contamination detected in the other private wells.

Yes, there is someone living at this address at this time. They continue to use the well for non-potable purposes, such as bathing, laundry, and dishes. They purchase their own water for consumption, and have declined to file for reimbursement. According to the tenants, they use less than two gallons per day.

The WDNR and Commerce have discussed the abandonment of the well at length. At this point, what you say about it being a conduit is mere speculation. The state will not force an abandonment nor fund the replacement of a potable well based on speculation. If the abandonment/replacement of the well is part of the lowest cost to closure, then it will be considered. We anticipate the remedial effort will abate any trend of increasing groundwater contamination

How will the DNR and Commerce handle the situation if additional potable wells become impacted to the point that the home owners need alternative water supplies?

If additional potable wells become affected, that will be treated as changed circumstances and the cap on costs to closure will be revisited.

It seems like the two biggest issues here are addressing the soil contamination and a possible expansion of the plume horizontally. However, it appears that there is no vertical definition of the plume, particularly at the depth at which the potable wells appear to extract their water. It would seem that this should be a more important issue.

We think that this should be a bid for a limited amount of work defined by the DNR and Commerce, and not a bid to closure. There are too many unknowns.