

SWINKLES Questions and Answers

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Q: Is information available on the depths of the impacted private wells?

A: Private well construction forms for several wells in the vicinity were included in the SI packet including the Capital Credit Union (Freedom State Bank). The Freedom Lumber Company construction was not found.

Q: Should the RAP include costs for providing water to the Freedom Lumber Co. and the Capital Credit Union?

A: No, the contamination observed in these wells does not require bottled water at this time.

Q: Has the on-site private well been sampled?

A: Yes, refer to Table 7 of the March 1, 2000 GHD report included in the information packet.

Q: Could there be more clarification to the level of effort that the DNR will require for the remediation at this site? With the private well impacts, the assumption is that an immediate installation of a groundwater remediation system will be necessary in addition to source removal. This may also include treatment of the bedrock contamination in the interest of protecting the private wells. The minimum remedial requirements listed in the bid document do not discuss these topics. Does this mean that a small source removal and providing drinking water to the affected properties will be sufficient to protect public health? Please elaborate.

A: Two environmental factors exist at this site therefore an active remedial system is an option. As stated in the Bid Document MtBE is the primary contaminant of concern due to its high mobility in groundwater and the presence of MtBE in numerous wells in the Freedom Area. The Department expects any remedial plan to focus on removal of contaminants from the source area (soil and/or groundwater) to prevent further input of MtBE into the groundwater. The method for this was not specified in order to allow consultants the freedom to employ any method or combination of methods to achieve this goal.