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Subject: Water Quality Information Open House – January 21st, 6 to 8 p.m., Merrimac Town Hall

Dear Well Owner:

The Department of Natural Resources is announcing an open house on Wednesday evening, January 21, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town of Merrimac Hall at S6911 STH 113. As a drinking water supply well owner in the area, we want to extend an invitation to you to attend this informational session on the groundwater quality of the northeast area of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP).

Several DNR representatives will be present to answer questions on northeast BAAP groundwater contamination issues and will have information on groundwater contaminants and the regulatory approach taken in situations such as those present in this area. U.S. Army representatives will be available to discuss the groundwater flow system of the BAAP area and the results of the on-going groundwater monitoring program. A representative of the Department of Health and Family Services will also be available to discuss the human health aspects of groundwater contaminants in the area.

This open house will be mostly informal, with the people noted above available from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and from approximately 7:30- 8:00 p.m. for one-on-one discussions of topics and questions that are important to you and your neighbors. A U.S. Army representative will provide a short presentation at 7:00 p.m. on current groundwater quality conditions in the area, followed by another short presentation from the DNR representative on follow-up actions for groundwater in the area.

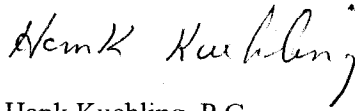
Note that the most recently available groundwater monitoring data indicates that:

- no private drinking water well water samples in the area contained dinitrotoluene (DNT) compounds above or near the associated drinking water standards or health advisory levels;
- no drinking water standards were exceeded in any monitoring wells of the area;
- health advisory levels of several DNT compounds were exceeded in some monitoring wells in the northeast area of the BAAP property.

We are sending this announcement letter to property owners that we know of in the Weigand's Bay and Inspiration Drive areas. Please pass this information along to anyone that did not receive it but may be interested.

If you have questions, please contact me at the address given above or at the telephone number or e-mail address below. We hope to see you on January 21st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hank Kuehling".

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