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Department of Environmental Quality

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May 22, 2001

Mr. Joe Simco
12553 Arbor Acres Rd.
Springdale, AR 72762

RE: Request for ADEQ Testing of Private Water Wells

Dear Mr. Simco:

The ADEQ Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) has received your request to have your private water well tested by this agency. Our staff shares your concern about water quality issues for private water wells located near the Tontitown Landfill. Waste Management and their consultant, Genesis Environmental Consulting have under taken a hydrogeologic investigation in and around the Tontitown Landfill to determine whether or not ongoing activities at the landfill have adversely impacted local ground water supplies in the area. This hydrogeologic investigation is in the preliminary phase and much of the necessary investigative work will be completed in the next couple of months. ADEQ SWMD staff are presently directing and overseeing all aspects of this important investigation in and around the Tontitown landfill and once the data gathered from these studies is complete, our staff will need some time to evaluate the data gathered.

Because the present hydrogeologic investigation is in its initial stages, is due to be completed in a relatively short period of time and the data gathered will assist us in determining potential impacts local ground water supplies around the Tontitown Landfill, ADEQ staff feel it is a premature to sample your private water well at this time. However, once the data gathered from this initial phase of the investigation has been evaluated, our staff may find it necessary to sample your water well and other water wells in the area. Regarding the issue of landfill gas impacting your water well, recent investigations concerning the Robertson's water well indicate the gas found in their well was naturally occurring gas not methane originating from the Tontitown Landfill. Therefore, it is not anticipated landfill gas would be impacting your water well. Again, we share your concern about your water quality and your cooperation and patience in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions you may contact me at 682-0602.

Sincerely,

Gerald Delavan, P.G., Geologist Supervisor
Solid Waste Management Division

cc: Bob Baxter, Waste Management of Arkansas; P.O. Box 1310, Springdale, AR 72765
Geoff Little, Technical Branch Manager, ADEQ SWMD

May 6, 2001
Fayetteville, AR 72704

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Subject: Testing of Private Wells, Tontitown Landfill

Dear Mr. Weiss,

I live close to the Tontitown Landfill. I have a well that I use for general purposes, I am very concerned about the safety of my well since it may be contaminated with methane or other gases and/or other pollutants and hazardous constituents from the landfill.

I request that your Department test my well. I understand that the test will not be at my expense. Please contact me so that I may assist you in taking the sample and to assure access to my property.

Sincerely;

Joe Simco

Joe Simco printed name

12553 Arbor Avenue address

Springdale, AR 72762 address

(501) 361-2436 phone

The well is at Mark number ____ on enclosed map.

