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Major General Jonathan M. Stubbs
Department of Military, Secretary
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Major General Stubbs,

The Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) has received air quality complaints from several citizens of Tontitown, Arkansas. Recently, several citizens have indicated that members of the community experienced health issues that they believed to be the result of air quality conditions. E&E's Division of Environmental Quality sent several inspectors to Tontitown last week and sent an inspector again this week. The inspectors were unable to verify the citizens' complaints.

Out of an abundance of caution, E&E respectfully requests that the 61st Civil Support Team of the Arkansas National Guard deploy its air monitoring resources to Tontitown, Arkansas. E&E has a proposed a sampling analysis plan for community air monitoring and stand ready to discuss the logistics with your team further.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.E. Khoury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shane E. Khoury
Secretary, Department of Energy and Environment

cc: Chief Administrator of the Environment Caleb Osborne, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality
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