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Sunoco Pipeline – Wells Impacted in West Whiteland Township

July 14, 2017

West Whiteland Township hosted a meeting on July 13th for homeowners in the affected area who have wells. Township officials announced that Sunoco will suspend drilling at the Shoen Road site until the private well issues are resolved.

Sunoco's land agents have started contacting homeowners to explain the option of connecting to Aqua's public water system at Sunoco's expense. A land agent also met with many of the homeowners following the public meeting at the Township Building. Sunoco's offer will include compensation for water bills.

There are existing Aqua water mains on Township Line Road, Biddle Drive and Shoen Road. Homeowners in proximity to those mains who decide to switch over to public water can begin the process of connecting to the system as soon as they want following completion of the Aqua application. Aqua is moving quickly to install a new water main on Valley View Drive; that work is expected to be completed in early August.

Aqua confirmed again that their water supply is safe. They test their water regularly and have found no evidence of pathogens, turbidity or low water volume. They have received one call in recent weeks from this area of Exton with a general complaint about the taste of the water. Anyone with questions or concerns about the quality of their water can call Aqua's Water Quality Services at 610-645-4248.

West Whiteland appreciates the time that the residents took to come out to the meeting, as well as the cooperation of Sunoco and Aqua to address the well issue expeditiously.

July 11, 2017

West Whiteland Township officials have reached an agreement in principle with Sunoco Pipeline to address the concerns of residents with private water wells who have been affected by Sunoco Pipeline's recent Mariner East 2 construction. Sunoco Pipeline has indicated its willingness to work with West Whiteland Township and Aqua to connect those residents to Aqua's public water system, at Sunoco's expense.

It continues to appear that loss in water volume in private water wells was due to Sunoco's construction operations. There are no public health concerns that West Whiteland is aware of or reason to believe that water has been contaminated. No properties connected to Aqua's public water system have been impacted.

Township officials have been in close communication with Sunoco, Aqua and many of the property owners and will continue to do everything we can to encourage a satisfactory resolution.

July 7, 2017

A number of homeowners on Township Line Road, Valley View Drive, Biddle Drive and Shoen Road that have well water have reported problems with low volume or muddy water. As of July 7th, no properties on public water through Aqua are affected. Sunoco Pipeline is awaiting test results to confirm that the mud appearing in the well water is, as expected, non-toxic naturally occurring bentonite clay used in drilling operations for their Mariner East 2 pipeline project.

West Whiteland Township does not have jurisdictional authority over this issue, but has been in close communication with Sunoco and many of the property owners. To mitigate the most immediate problems, Sunoco has provided residents with clean drinking water, paid for repairs to wells and offered to put residents up in hotels.

Longer term, the Township has asked Sunoco to connect homes with well water in the affected area to Aqua's public water system at Sunoco's cost, and they are looking into that option. The Township will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that residents are kept informed and will do everything we can to encourage a satisfactory resolution.