TOWN OF JACKSON GASOLINE PIPE LINE SPILL UPDATE

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DNR staff continues to work with Washington County and West Shore Pipe Line (WSP) officials to respond to public health concerns in response to a gasoline spill that occurred in the Town of Jackson on July 17.

Area Wide Drinking Water Advisory and Flush Only Advisory Notice: The Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater has sent health advisory letters to 16 residents. Bureau staff are reviewing sampling results and are monitoring the advisory area in consultation with Department of Health Services (DHS) staff. Despite what has been reported in the media, as of this update, the Area Wide Drinking Water Advisory and Flush Only Advisory Notice have not changed from the original news release on July 31st.

Private water supply wells: A total of 232 discrete water supply wells at 223 residences have been sampled. Benzene has been detected in 21 wells and 16 residents have received DNR advisory letters. DNR staff are working on developing a sampling/resampling plan for placement on the website for area residents at http://www.jacksonwisconsinresponse.com/.

Bottle Water delivery: Bottled water continues to be delivered.

POET water treatment systems: A total of 58 Point-of-Entry water treatment systems (POETs) have been installed. Six are scheduled to be installed this week. DNR, DHS and WSP staff met with residents who live on Wildflower Lane on Wednesday, August 8. Staff met with residents who live on Hummingbird Drive and Mockingbird Drive on Tuesday, August 7. DNR staff continues to inform residents in the Flush Only area that they should not use water within their home (besides flushing) until notified by DNR. POETs also are being installed to residents outside the Flush Only area along Division Road. Washington County Health Department staff will be making contact with one area resident who lives in the Flush Only zone but refused a POET system.

Groundwater investigation: The proposed initial remediation plan for the spill area and Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System permit (WPDES) were just approved.

Air monitoring: Continuous air monitoring onsite is still occurring around the perimeter of the work zone.

There may be no further updates until Monday, August 13th.