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September 3, 2003

Alan Wood
12 Old Mill Road
Pennington, NJ 08534

Ref: Block 45 Lot 2
12 Old Mill Road

Dear Alan Wood

In September 2002 a new State law went in to effect called the Private well testing Bill. This bill requires that whenever a property is sold a water sample is taken for many possible contaminants. If any of the items tested for are above the acceptable level, an email is sent to the local health agency. The health department may then notify surrounding property owners of the elevated level and suggest that they also test their wells. The location of the property effected may not be disclosed in accordance with the legislation.

I have received notification that a private well on a property in the vicinity of your property had an elevated level of Trichloroethylene over the State standard of 1 pbb or micro grams per liter. Because of the language of this state regulation, I have not received a confirmation sample from the parties involved with this property transfer.

Trichloroethylene is one of several organic compounds that can contaminate well water. These compounds can be the result of discharges from septic systems, underground storage tanks, dry clean facilities and other waste generating sites.

I am enclosing a pamphlet on private well testing and there is a list of routine tests that well owners should be conducting on page 17. With regards to the carbon tetrachloride, the laboratory should conduct EPA method 524.2 for volatile organic compounds in drinking water.

The average cost of this one test is about \$125. Several laboratories are listed in the phone book under laboratories, testing. See attached.

Please remind any laboratory that you choose to use that, a duplicate copy of all tests results should be forwarded to

the Hopewell Township Health Department. FAX 609-737-2770.

Feel free to contact me at the Health Department for further guidance or to answer questions. Again, if there is a change in your well water quality status, please feel free to call me at 737-0120 to discuss what to do next.

Very truly yours,
Gary A. Guarino
Health Officer

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cc: Hopewell Township - Board of Health
enc: Phone book page
Private well testing pamphlet