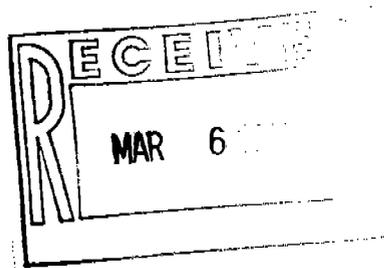


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RE: Gate City Truck Repair
6301 Burnt Poplar Road, Greensboro, NC
NCDENR Groundwater Incident #: 10077

Dear Ms. Wells:

The attached letter summarizes the status of the Gate City Truck Repair site and the reasons we believe that the risk level should be changed to "Low Risk" and the site closed. It is my understanding that you and Cindy Rintoul at the NCDENR Regional Office in Winston Salem have reviewed this information as well as the information previously submitted and have ruled against the change in risk level due to the presence on one supply well currently in use within 1000 feet of the site.

We know of several analogous sites which have had risk levels changed to "Low Risk" after demonstrating that the supply wells within 1000 feet of the site were not at risk based on site-specific information. Groundwater plume migration modeling, potentiometric groundwater flow studies, and several years of groundwater analytical results have shown conclusively that the impacted groundwater at the Gate City Truck Repair site poses no real risk to the supply well in question. For this reason, we wish to appeal this decision.

We understand that this is a complex issue, particularly due to SB-1159 with regard to whether this site will need a deed restriction for closure. We realize that detailed guidelines for making these decisions are still unclear; therefore, we request that this decision be appealed to higher-level personnel at NCDENR. Please advise us of the proper channels for making such an appeal. As always, we appreciate your help in this process. Please call me at 355-3174 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Van Ness Burbach".

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C: Martin C. Livingston, III, Trustee, Lindley Property Trust