

Highway 96 Project

Community Update October 2005

This newsletter is designed to keep you apprised of monitoring and response actions surrounding vinyl chloride detection in North Oaks well water.

Quarterly sampling of residential wells on the west side of Gilfillan Lake is continuing with the most recent sampling conducted in late August 2005. If your well is tested, you will receive an individualized report of those results. You can also find results for the community on the City of North Oaks Web site.

REGULATORY ACTIONS

In July and August, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) evaluated data and recommendations from the responsible parties, the City of North Oaks, and several residents regarding the scope of testing and possible steps to address the issue where necessary. The recommendations and comments were reviewed at North Oaks City Council meetings in July.

As a result of this review, MPCA conditionally accepted a phased program to expand testing. Information collected from this work will be used to further define the extent of vinyl chloride within groundwater and groundwater flow patterns.

The City of North Oaks and MDH are implementing a public education program regarding the health issues surrounding vinyl chloride in the community.

To view the comments on CRA's recommendations submitted to MPCA, visit the City of North Oaks Web site.

ONGOING WORK:

As directed and supervised by MPCA, the following work was and will be conducted in August-November 2005:

- In August, 30 residential wells were sampled with 28 of 30 being non-detect for vinyl chloride. Results are posted on the City Web site.
- Sampling of over 60 residential wells in November, including wells along Duck Pass Road.
- Vertical aquifer profiling, monitoring well installations and sampling of monitoring wells. This work began in mid-September.
- Water level measurements from existing and new monitoring wells.
- Installation of an additional extraction well at the Highway 96 Site, which was completed in October.



- The City and the MDH will be undertaking a Public Health Education Program.
- Review of City records relative to septic system failures and residential sampling for general water quality was added to the program.
- Responsible parties began evaluation of the feasibility of groundwater extraction as a potential remedy in an area west of Gilfillan Lake.

QUESTIONS?

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