

March 23, 2009

East Hanover Township Property Owner

RE: Well Water and Sewage Needs Survey

Dear East Hanover Township Property Owner:

As you may remember from efforts in 2006 and 2007, East Hanover Township is in the process of updating its Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. The Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan is an adopted municipal document outlining the current situation and planning for future management of sewage. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) requires that all municipalities update their Act 537 Plans on a regular basis.

An important part of the planning process is gathering information about the condition of existing wells and on-lot sewage disposal systems so that the sewage disposal needs throughout the Township can be accurately determined. This information was gathered from many homes in the form of a Sewage Needs Survey administered in 2006. The second part of this process requires the Township to field-verify the information for a major portion of these surveys and acquire well water samples to locate areas of concern. As we have reached this important phase of the project, we are asking for your participation to complete this task.

Your participation would involve accepting a visit from a LTL Consultants representative (wearing a photo identity badge) at your home, to ask you a few questions, take a brief look at your septic system, and obtain a well water sample. Well water samples will be taken to a certified laboratory to evaluate the presence of harmful nitrates and coliform bacteria that could contaminate the community's drinking water. Should it be determined that your system has a malfunction or there is contamination found in your sample you will be notified, but no enforcement action will occur as a result of this survey. Your participation in this project is voluntary, but essential for creating an effective assessment for the community.

As a benefit of fully participating in the survey, you will receive a confidential drinking water analysis free of charge. At the completion of the lab testing (earlier if you have coliform contamination), you will receive an official report of the results. Sampling hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Special arrangements (evenings and Sundays) may be made by phone. As samples may be limited, **those who desire a water sample are advised to make appointments as soon as possible.** For questions and appointments please contact Mary Anne McCarthy at LTL Consultants' toll free number, 1-888-987-8886.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,
East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors