PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT



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Carrie Meek Gallagher New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Region 1 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409

Dear Regional Director Gallagher:

The Plainview Water District has recently learned about elevated levels of 1,4-dioxane found at Claremont Polychemical, located at 505 Winding Road in Old Bethpage. The detections of this synthetic compound, while not a threat to our District's water wells, are still of great concern to our community.

We both share the intent of ensuring the public receives the highest quality water possible, and it is why collaborative efforts between water districts and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) must improve. A mechanism needs to be put in place to receive monitoring well test results from within our service territory on a more frequent basis, even if it will not potentially pose a threat to our district's wells. Receiving these test results in a timely fashion is essential to maintaining the public's trust as well as enhancing our ability to respond to resident inquiries.

As the municipal water provider for more than 10,000 households and businesses in the Plainview-Old Bethpage area, it is paramount that we have a complete understanding of the sites and toxins that pose a risk to our water supply. We look forward to continuing this conversation at your earliest convenience and working together to ensure a healthy and sustainable water supply.

Sincerely,

Marc Lavkind, Commissioner

Amanda Field, Commissioner

Andrew Bader, Commissioner

Stephen Moriarty, P.E., Superintendent