



PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Resident:

An environmental study associated with the former Shell and ExxonMobil gas stations on Old Country Road and Plainview Road in Plainview is being conducted under the direction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The responsible party, Shell and ExxonMobil, have retained an environmental consulting firm AECOM to drill monitoring wells as part of this groundwater monitoring project. A monitoring well has been drilled adjacent to the church at 560 Old Bethpage Road. While the Plainview Water District has no involvement with these drilling operations, we are trying to gather as much information as possible from the DEC and relay it to our impacted customers.

WHAT IS A MONITORING WELL?

A monitoring well is a 2-inch diameter, PVC casing pipe that begins at the surface and goes approximately 150 – 350 feet below the ground so groundwater samples can be taken at different depths.

WHY THESE LOCATIONS?

We suspect that these locations were selected in consultation with DEC because they are best suited to test and monitor the affected groundwater.

WHAT ARE THESE WELLS MONITORING?

The DEC is using these wells to monitor groundwater—**not drinking water**. This is an important distinction; drinking water is the final product that is supplied to residents by the Plainview Water District. Drinking water is vigorously tested and treated to meet or exceed all federal, state and local standards.

We expect the data being collected will be analyzed to determine if contamination still exists at these locations. The data will also help determine what trends and potential impacts contamination could have on our drinking water in the future.

HAS MY DRINKING WATER BEEN IMPACTED?

Your **drinking water is not in any way affected** as a result of the DEC's actions. The water being delivered to your home is absolutely safe to drink. Furthermore, the District routinely tests for the contaminants in question to ensure they are not impacting the wells in relative proximity to the monitoring site.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have specific questions about this work, or would like to know more about the monitoring wells, please feel free to contact the DEC at 518-402-9621. You are also always welcome to contact the Plainview Water District at 516-931-6469, and we will help to answer your questions as best we can.

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