

Notice of Public Meeting and Comment Period
North East Avenue & East Forest Grove Road
Ground Water Contamination Site
Vineland, Cumberland County

Meeting Date & Time: September 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Vineland City Hall Council Chambers, 640 East Wood Street

Purpose of the Public Meeting and Comment Period

Ground water contamination affecting residential potable wells has been identified near North East Avenue and East Forest Grove Road. The City of Vineland and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) are proposing to extend the existing public waterlines to North East Avenue and East Forest Grove Road to replace the private wells. Vineland City and NJDEP are soliciting comments on this proposal during a public comment period, which includes a public meeting on September 26, 2019. There will be a presentation at the start of the public meeting to explain the proposal that will be followed by a question and answer period. NJDEP will consider all comments received during the public comment period and will respond to all technical comments in writing.

Important Information

- Private potable wells contaminated with trichloroethene, a chlorinated volatile organic compound, were discovered on North East Avenue and East Forest Grove Road in 2016.
- NJDEP subsequently tested 43 private potable wells in the area for volatile organic compounds and perchlorate anion (a contaminant sometimes found in farming communities). Thirteen wells were determined to be contaminated with trichloroethene and/or perchlorate anion above New Jersey's drinking water standards.
- NJDEP funded the installation of Point-of-Entry Treatment Systems (POETS) on the contaminated wells to provide potable water to the affected residents. The POETS are being maintained at NJDEP's expense.
- NJDEP completed a potable water alternatives analysis that indicated installation of POETS on all potable wells in the Currently Known Extent (CKE) of the potable well contamination is the most cost-effective long-term option to provide clean water to the residents. However, NJDEP may provide Vineland City with the amount of money equal to the cost of maintaining the POETS for 20 years toward the cost of extending public waterlines to the CKE.
- Vineland City and NJDEP are proposing to extend public waterlines to the CKE. Residents living within the CKE area would be required to connect to the waterlines and seal their private potable wells.

Public Comment Period

A 30-day public comment period for the proposal to extend public waterlines to the CKE for the North East Avenue & East Forest Grove Road Ground Water Contamination site will begin on September 19 and end on October 18, 2019. Additional information about this site is available on NJDEP's web page at: https://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/community/sites/active/cumberland/ne_efg_gw_contamination.html. To provide written or oral comments, or to review NJDEP's files for the North East Avenue & East Forest Grove Road Ground Water Contamination site (NJDEP PI # 722423), please contact:

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