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Secretary Michael Krancer
Department of Environmental Protection
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Secretary Krancer:

I am writing this strongly-worded letter with regard to the ongoing investigation of the Cornerstone Care community health clinic located in Smith Township, Washington County. While highly disappointed at the failure of the DEP Oil and Gas Unit to respond to requests for assistance from Cornerstone for over two weeks, during which three evacuations led to the indefinite closure of the facility, I am cautiously optimistic to see the DEP is conducting air quality testing to determine the source of the problem.

Cornerstone Care is an essential resource for the people of my district, and I cannot over-emphasize the importance of a thorough investigation of the issues surrounding its closure so we can get the facility reopened to provide much-needed medical care.

Along those lines, I have some questions as to the nature, scope and methodology of testing being done at Cornerstone Care. I would like some more information regarding the following:

- The days and times the testing is conducted;
- The weather conditions at the time of testing (the odors at Cornerstone have consistently only occurred during windy conditions);
- The methodology of testing;
- Where in or around the Cornerstone facility the testing is being conducted;
- Information on all oil and gas operations in the area; and
- Information as to whether those operators were informed prior to testing

Given the nature of the potential problem, I would also like to see results for testing of the following:

- Vinyl Chloride
- Chlorinated Solvents (all)
- Methane
- Ethane
- Butane
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- Diesel exhaust constituents including:
 - Elemental carbon
 - Semi-volatile organic compounds
 - Volatile organic compounds
 - Particulate matter
- Heavy Metals (all)
- Arsenic & arsenic as arsene gas
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Methyl mercapton
- Ozone
- Sulfur oxides
- Nitrogen oxides
- Silica

Additionally, I would like to see the test results for the following air contaminants:

1,1,1- Trichloroethane	1,1,2,2- Tetrachloroethane	1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1,1- Dichloroethane	1,1-Dichloroethane
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	1,2-Dibromoethane
1,2-Dichloro-1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoroethane	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1,2-Dichloroethane
1,2-Dichloropropane	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	1,3-Butadine
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	1-Bromopropane
1-Ethyl-4-methylbenzene	2-Butanone (MEK)	2-Hexanone
2-Methoxy-2-Methylpropane (MTBE)	4-Methyl-2-pentanone (MIBK)	Acetone
Acroetin	Benzene	Bromodichloromethane
Bromoform	Bromomethane	Carbon Disulfide
Carbon Tetrachloride	Chlorobenzene	Chloroethane
Chloroethene	Chloroform	Chloromethane
Cis-1,2-Dichloromethene	Cis-1,3-Dichloro-1-propene	Cyclohexene
Dibromochloromethane	Dichlorodifluoromethane	Ethylbenzene
Hexachloro-1,3-Butadene	M&p-Xylene	Methylene chloride
n-Heptane	n-Hexane	o-Xylene
Propene	Styrene	Tetrachloroethene (PERC)
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	Toluene	Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
Trans-1,3-Dichloro-1-Propane	Trichloroethylene	

Given the circumstances, I believe any testing which fails to include the potential issues mentioned above will be considered inadequate to properly address public health concerns and get to the root of the problem. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions, and I look forward to seeing the results of your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse White', written over a horizontal line.

Jesse White
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