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Re: Water Well Testing in Livingston County, Michigan

Dear Residents:

On Tuesday, July 26, 2016, Merit Energy held an informational meeting at the Hartland Township Hall to share information and answer questions about the sulfolane release at the Hartland 36 Gas Plant. At the meeting, Merit informed residents that:

- the release had been recently discovered by Merit in connection with its efforts to decommission the Plant;
- Merit has removed the primary source of the release by excavating and replacing approximately 13,400 tons of soil underlying the former location of the Plant;
- Merit had, at that time, sampled water from 15 residential water wells located within a one-half mile radius of the Site, and all tested non-detect for sulfolane (the constituent chemical in sulfinol); and
- Merit was continuing to test additional residential water wells located within a one-half mile radius of the Site, and, based on these preliminary findings, Merit anticipates the release is contained within the 5-acre area under the Plant site.

Merit is committed to your safety and is taking prompt action to address any issues associated with the release. At the meeting, a number of residents living outside the one-half mile radius expressed concern that their water wells may be impacted by the release, despite the preliminary findings to date on the wells within the one-half mile radius. In light of these concerns and out of an abundance of caution, we are offering to test residential water wells for all residents located within a one mile radius of the facility.

**If you live within one mile of the Hartland Facility and would like to have your water well tested for sulfolane, please contact Vicki Kniss at 231-258-6379 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.** Upon receipt of your notice, Merit will make arrangements to have your water well tested for sulfolane. The results of the test will be sent to both you and Merit. Merit anticipates the sample will reflect zero detection of sulfolane, which should give you comfort regarding the safety of your water. If, however, your sample detects the presence of sulfolane, Merit may run further tests on your water well to verify the accuracy of the initial test.

Merit appreciates your patience as it works through the groundwater work plan. Thank you for your time and support.

Regards,

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Vice President of Operations