

September 3 Update: Private Well Contamination Plumstead Township

Status of pond water removal

The smaller of the two ponds used to fight the June fire at 5189 Stump Rd. has been emptied and its contents of approximately 98,000 gallons of water hauled away for wastewater processing. The larger pond will be emptied next week.

Sampling results

Sampling results for air samples taken by DEP's contractor, Tetra Tech, as well as additional samples of private water supplies, are expected back on September 7.

Tetra Tech soon will conduct soil sampling on the Custom Particle Reduction property to determine whether any runoff from the fire may have contaminated soil at the site. The responsibility for that task was included in DEP's August 5 Order to the property owners; however, the owners failed to submit a plan for addressing sediment and soils.

Water supplies

On August 26, DEP met with Senator McIlhinney, Representative Quinn, Plumstead Township Chairman Frank Froio and Township Manager Carolyn McCreary to discuss short and long term plans to replace the impacted wells with a potable water source. The short-term option is to maintain tank trucks onsite, providing whole house service to 10 homes.

Long-term options are still being explored, and could include replacing wells at the homes with an impaired water source.