



April 21, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: INFORMATIONAL NOTIFICATION LETTER

Case No. 2017-0166-BA

High's #98

13522 Long Green Pike, Baldwin

Baltimore County, Maryland

Facility I.D. No. 11022

Dear Property Owner:

As a property owner within 0.5 mile of the subject property, this letter provides notice that there has been a detection of benzene in a monitoring well that exceeded the legal notification level. The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Oil Control Program (OCP) received a report that benzene was detected at a concentration of 7.15 parts per billion (ppb) (the legal notification level for benzene is 5 ppb). A confirmation sample from the same monitoring well detected benzene at a concentration of 9.51 ppb. The other on-site monitoring wells and the on-site supply well for the station showed no detections of petroleum related compounds.

MDE does not believe there has been a new release of petroleum from the station. The detections are likely related to recent monitoring well repair activities and historic residual petroleum that is still detectable at the site. The station is currently in full operational compliance with respect to its underground storage tank systems. This station and surrounding properties have been monitored to varying degrees since 1995 with minimal off-site detections of petroleum related compounds (please see the attached fact sheet for additional details).

Due to the detection, MDE is working with the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability and the Baltimore County Department of Health to evaluate risks to the community. As a precaution, MDE has selected an initial group of private supply wells adjacent to the facility for sampling and will evaluate the results to determine if additional actions are warranted. MDE is also requiring additional sampling of the on-site monitoring wells. MDE will continue to monitor the station to ensure community health and safety.

If you have concerns related to your private supply well, you may elect to have your well water tested by a private laboratory. Your decision should be based on the proximity of your well to the station and whether you have noticed any change in the taste or odor of your well water. For your convenience, enclosed is a list of private laboratories that can assist you should you decide to have your well water tested privately. The recommended test to request is U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 524.2 for full-suite volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including fuel oxygenates and naphthalene. Samples should be collected by a certified sampler and prior to the water passing through any treatment device.

The fact sheet and other documents related to the investigation will be posted to the OCP webpage: mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/OilControl/Pages/remediationsites.aspx.

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If you have any questions, please contact the case manager, Mr. Matthew Mueller, at 410-537-3574 or matthew.mueller@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Map
 Fact Sheet
 Testing Laboratory List

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