



The Village of Leetonia

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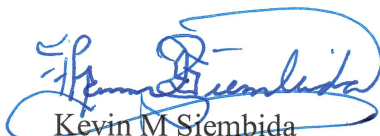
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Dear Residents,

With the recent events happening with the train derailment in East Palestine, I wanted to address several questions that I have been asked regarding the Village. First, we have taken the health and welfare of the residents as our first priority. Many of you may have some concerns about the chemicals released during the derailment and burning off vinyl chloride and whether these are posing current concerns to your health and welfare, thus potentially contaminating the water. The Village of Leetonia conducts daily tests of our water to ensure that it meets EPA standards for public water. Upon hearing about the chemicals associated with the derailment, the Village has enhanced its testing to cover Volatile Organic Compounds also known as VOCs.

Vinyl Chloride and Benzene are among the two chemicals know at this point to be released in the derailment. The results of the most recent tests have come back below detection in our water samples. Testing can detect these chemicals at 0.5 parts per billion. At this given point, it means that it is completely undetectable. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the results, you can contact the Leetonia Lab or pick up a copy at the Water Office.

The Village has a testing schedule planned to routinely test for these chemicals for the foreseeable future and will monitor the situation to keep up to date with unfolding events. If you reside outside of a public water system or the Village of Leetonia and you have concerns about contamination of your well water, the Leetonia Lab is open to the public. We would recommend you contact our lab or any other capable lab of conducting tests.


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Mayor, Village of Leetonia

