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LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*May 31, 2007*) - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has been conducting a groundwater investigation in the western part of Lower Providence Township following the detection of elevated levels of dichloroethylene (DCE) during a routine well testing in February 2007. At that time, the Township contacted residents with wells in the surrounding area encouraging them to take part in testing being offered by DEP. The test area included the area bounded by Ridge Pike, Evansburg Road and Germantown Pike; the area to the south of Ridge Pike from Level Road to Pechin Mill Road; and the area bounded by Germantown Pike, Evansburg Road and Township Line Road.

On May 31, 2007, representatives from DEP met with Township officials to provide an update. The results, to date, are:

- DEP received 150 inquiries from residents about the well sampling
- 91 wells were tested
- 11 showed elevated levels of contaminants
- Those with elevated levels are receiving bottled water or have had carbon filtration systems installed

The sample results will be used to determine the source, or sources, of the contamination. As part of the source investigation, the next step is to look into the history of the area, trying to identify former businesses and products used. The Township will work with DEP on gathering this information.