Town of Santa Claus

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To whom it may concern,

As required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Santa Claus Water Department is implementing the second phase of its Wellhead Protection Plan. The overarching goal of IDEM's Wellhead Protection Program is to protect community groundwater drinking water supplies from contamination. To accomplish this, IDEM mandates that public water suppliers, like Santa Claus Water Department, take specific steps towards wellhead protection, including: sharing information with local residents and businesses through the forming of a local planning team, mapping the area where underground water is captured by the wells and ultimately provided to the town as drinking water (the wellhead protection area, or "WHPA"), and identifying potential sources of contamination. This information is used to help prevent groundwater contamination through public education and awareness.

IDEM also requires public water utilities to communicate wellhead protection-related information with local emergency responders like yourselves to facilitate emergency response planning. In the event of a spill or release within the Wellhead Protection Area, a contingency plan has been developed and a copy of this plan is attached to this correspondence. The contingency plan includes: a description of the procedures to be used in response to a potential contamination emergency, a map showing the location of the WHPA, and a list of emergency contact telephone numbers. We ask that your office retain this information and reference the material in your emergency responder training.

On behalf of Santa Claus Water Department, we sincerely appreciate your cooperation in helping us to keep the community's drinking water supply safe. The full Wellhead Protection Plan for Santa Claus Water Department can be viewed at 90 N Holiday Blvd., Santa Claus, IN, or for additional information regarding the Plan, contact the utility operator at 812-544-3329. Thank you.

Sincerely

Chris Glenn.

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