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Maura J. Rossman, M.D., Health Officer

November 19, 2021

John Hipp 6810 REDBERRY RD CLARKSVILLE MD 21029

RE: 6810 REDBERRY RD CLARKSVILLE MD 21029

Dear John Hipp:

A sample was collected on November 08, 2021 and submitted to the Maryland Department of Health Laboratories to assess the possible presence of **Gross Alpha** and **Gross Beta** in the well water supply. **Gross Alpha** and **Gross Beta** measure the total alpha and beta particle activity in a water supply. These naturally occurring radioactive nuclides have been demonstrated to be present in a certain type of geologic formation known as the Baltimore Gneiss which exists in your area of development within the County.

Results from the test screening (sample taken from the bathroom) revealed a Gross Alpha of 7.0 ± 1.3 picocuries/liter (pCi/L), while the Gross Beta level was 4.6 ± 1.8 pCi/L. The Gross Alpha result was below its maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 15 pCi/L, while the Gross Beta level was below its targeted standard of 50 pCi/L (roughly equivalent to the annual dose rate of 4 millirems/year).

At the time of testing and with respect to these parameters, your well water supply is within EPA regulatory standards. Given these readings, additional testing to further evaluate these findings does not appear to be necessary.

A copy of the test results is enclosed your information. Please call this office at **410-313-1773** if you have any further questions or to schedule additional testing.

Sincerely,

RME

Ramar Martin, Program Supervisor Bureau of Environmental Health

Enclosure cc: Property file

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MEMORANDUM

October 29, 2021

John Hipp 6810 Redberry Road Clarksville, MD 21029

RE: Well Sampling 6810 Redberry Road Clarksville, MD 21029 Well Permit # HO-20-0130

Dear John Hipp:

According to our records, your deepened well has been connected to the dwelling and was not tested for potability. We request that you contact the Community Hygiene Program at **(410) 313-1773** to schedule initial water sampling for the above referenced well, as required by the Maryland Well Construction Regulation (COMAR 26.04.04). This sampling includes testing for <u>bacteria</u>, <u>nitrates</u>, <u>turbidity</u>, and <u>sand</u>. There is currently **no charge** for the sampling and it is to your benefit to have it tested.

Additionally, your well is located in an area of radioactive geology and requires radium testing. Generally these samples are collected when the well is completed, but the well had been chlorinated when we came for testing and we were unable to collect samples. Samples for **Gross Alpha** and **Gross Beta** need to be collected.

It is preferred that the sample be collected from the primary indoor drinking tap, but if suitable scheduling is not possible, the sample may be taken from an outside tap to complete your sampling obligation. However, the potential for unsuccessful sample results increases when samples are collected from taps exposed to the outside environment.

If sampling has already been performed by an outside lab, please help us by forwarding the results of the samples to our office. If you have any further questions, you can call me at 410-313-6287. Otherwise, call Community Hygiene at 410-313-1773 to schedule or arrange for them to collect the subsequent water samples.

Sincerely,

Susan Thomas

Susan Thomas – REHS/RS LEHS II Environmental Health Specialist Howard County Health Department Well and Septic Program



Community Hygiene Program