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Subject: Fwd: Complaint from Jenny Turley
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From: **Matt Sura** <mattsura.law@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 8, 2013 at 10:59 PM
Subject: RE: Complaint from Jenny Turley
To: "Milne - DNR, James" <james.milne@state.co.us>

Jim –

I really appreciate your quick response.

The COGCC did sample her well in September of 2012 and the water quality was found to be not fit for human consumption. The water was found to contain high in TDS, Salts, Chloride, Sulfate, Uranium. But in the end, the 11/15/12 letter from Robert Chesson stated that “there is no indication of oil and gas impacts to the water well” because it did not contain thermogenic methane.

That is confusing to me because a well that was damaged by seismic activity would probably not contain thermogenic methane. What is likely to have occurred is that the seismic vibration caused damage to the water well casing and it is now mixing the 800 ft good-quality Fox Hills water with poor-quality water from much shallower depths.

I am sure that the Turleys would allow another sample to be taken. The home directly to the west of the Turley house (on the picture provided) is on the same well so it has the same problems.

What might be more conclusive is to have the well casing investigated. Is it possible to have the well scoped? Or could a geophysicist or someone with background in vibroseis take a look at

Anadarko's records and determine what happened? Anadarko has already stated that they are not responsible... I guess they believe it was just bad luck that the Turley's water became muddy right after they were there.

Thanks again Jim.

Matt Sura

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From: Milne - DNR, James [mailto:james.milne@state.co.us]

Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 9:36 PM

To: Matt Sura

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Subject: Re: Complaint from Jenny Turley

Matt:

I think the first step here would be for us to come out and collect a current water sample from Jenny Turley's water well. Will that be OK with Mrs.Turley?

Also, do you know if Dale and Martha Turley's water well (west of Jenny Turley's well) exists and would it be available for sampling?

Thanks

Jim

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On Sat, Jun 8, 2013 at 3:31 PM, Matt Sura <mattsura.law@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear James Milne and Rick Allison –

Attached, please find Jenny Turley's formal complaint regarding the destruction of her water well from a seismic survey completed on her property, less than 80 feet from her water well. Because her husband Leonard is critically ill, I ask that all questions and correspondence in this matter be directed to me.

On a personal level, this is as tragic a story as I have seen in my nearly 20 years working on oil and gas issues. I sincerely hope that the COGCC will respond quickly to require that Anadarko provide Jenny and her husband with clean drinking water and ultimately, a new water well. No-one deserves to have their water well destroyed, but these two truly cannot afford the time, money and energy this has taken.

I trust that you will give this issue your full attention. Thank-you.

Sincerely,

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