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Re: DISH Air Quality Study Results

To Whom It May Concern:

On July 24, 2009 your companies presented an independent natural gas leak survey to the Town of DISH, TX. This survey was in response to the town's repeated complaints of odor surrounding the natural gas compression station that your respective companies owns and operates in and around the town of DISH. This survey did not address the concerns that the town has in regards to the odor surrounding the compressor station, nor did it test for any odor causing chemicals. The survey found no substantial leaks, and the small leaks noted would be well below the sense of smell threshold.

In the previous sixty days prior to presenting this information, the odor surrounding the site had greatly improved; however, beginning on the very night the town was presented this survey, the odor returned. At approximately 3:00 AM on July 25, 2009 a strong odor canvassed the entire community; since this date there has been daily odor surrounding this compressor site. However, the odor did change in characteristics around the same time. The odor can now be described as a sulphur smell, and causes various respiratory irritations to many in the community.

Due to the obvious problems your odor has brought to this community, and the failure of your respective companies to take positive action, the Town of DISH was forced to take its own action. The town paid to have its own independent air study accomplished. In previous correspondence the town has provided you with a copy of this study. The study has shown some extremely concerning results including the presence of known carcinogens and neurotoxins. Subsequent studies have been performed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and have validated these concerns. Therefore, I must ask your companies to cease and desist operations at this facility until such time as you can guarantee the safety of the citizens who live near the site. I would also ask that you take your responsibility as corporate citizens seriously, and make a valid effort to determine the source of these toxins and correct the deficiency.

In closing, it must be pointed out that your companies' performance in this community is unacceptable. You have not been the good neighbor that you have promised. Furthermore, you have destroyed the quality of life of the citizens here, and perhaps affected their health as well. I find it ironic that your companies have found it necessary to install a "No Trespassing" sign at entrance to the road that leads to many of these sites. I must ask you, when will you stop your trespassing of these odorous toxins on the citizens of this community?

Sincerely,


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