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Six drinking water wells tested near the former Sterling Zipmart show no fuel contamination

DEC to conduct more groundwater testing

Six drinking water wells thought to be most at risk from groundwater contamination associated with the former Sterling Zipmart tested free of fuel. Water samples were collected from Sterling Elementary School, Sterling Baptist Church, Sterling Lutheran Church, Wash Out Laundromat, former Zipmart, and a private residence. The results indicate that it is unlikely any of these wells have been affected to date by the contamination at the nearby former Zipmart.

More testing of area groundwater is planned to determine the extent of groundwater contamination and which direction the plume may be moving. This testing will provide the information needed to evaluate the degree of risk posed to nearby wells by the former Zipmart contamination. "The good news is these results show us that it is unlikely any drinking water from the wells we tested has been contaminated, but we are going to continue to sample and get all the information we can to protect public health and the environment." said Paul Horwath, Project Manager for the DEC.

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