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Village of Mayville
P.O. Box 249
Mayville, Michigan 48744
c/o Tim Sadowski, Village Manager

Re: Water Main Extension

Dear Mr. Sadowski,

Thank you for speaking with me today about a recent communication sent to the Tuscola County Health Department by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding a water-line extension within the Village of Mayville.

Any time a community water line is extended, the possibility exists for an existing private water well to be replaced and therefore abandoned. In order to protect ground-water aquifers in the State of Michigan, it is important that all abandoned wells be plugged properly and in a timely fashion.

Although you mentioned that no existing dwellings or businesses will be connected to this water-line extension, I am sending you a brochure published by MDEQ regarding the plugging of abandoned wells. Also included is a sample letter which the health department sends to residents whose wells have been abandoned due to a municipal water supply connection and require plugging.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Regards,



Jerry W. White, R.S.

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