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WVDEP Statement on Groundwater Study at West Virginia State University

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is aware of the studies conducted at West Virginia State University (WVSU) that examine groundwater contamination. At the request of WVSU, WVDEP reviewed those studies and based on the information provided in the studies no risk to human health was found.

One study, conducted byUnion Carbide Corporation (UCC), looked at groundwater contamination as part of an environmental investigation of their property under a federal program called the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action (RCRA CA).

That study found some groundwater contamination due to historic operations at the adjacent UCC Institute Facility. A separate study requested of UCC by WVSU as well as a study conducted by WVSU looked at possible vapor intrusion into some buildings on campus.

WVDEP continues to offer its assistance to WVSU to understand site conditions and to discuss any concerns of the university.

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