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Hello Francisco:

Below is the agenda for the educational session on July 17, 2018. It is located at the Necedah Town Hall in Necedah, Wisconsin from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Are you planning on driving yourself or would you like to ride with myself and Dean Maraldo from the Water Division/Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch. We are planning on finding a hotel in Mauston, Wisconsin Tuesday night.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Amenia Township educational meeting update

Hi all,

We are one week away from the educational meeting being held at the Necedah Town Hall from 6-8pm and thought it would be beneficial to send out a reminder as well as pose some questions to those who may be presenting. As a reminder we have sent out a press release describing the event as well as been in contact with county board and

township representatives so we are anticipating a decent turnout (but who knows). We have already been contacted by Channel 7, so expect media to be present. We are going to work hard to keep the focus of the meeting on addressing the concerns of those who participated and live in the area that was evaluated. Our proposed meeting agenda is as follows:

6-6:10pm

- Barb: Start the meeting with a thanks to those who participated
- Nancy: Describe how/why we did the sampling
- Matt: Set the foundation for the meeting regarding the presenters, questions, and what we will and will not be able to address (Matt will be the moderator for the meeting) Goal of meeting is to educate the public on the survey results and address the need to find good quality drinking water.

6:10 – 6:45

- Kevin: Review groundwater properties and provide an overview of the survey results

6:45 – 7:20

- Robert Thiboldeaux: Discuss health effects of nitrate and what high nitrates also indicate in drinking water
- Bruce Rheineck: Discuss treatment options and potential of finding safe well water with new wells, based on current data

7:20-7:30

- Agency update: This session is left open for EPA or DATCP to weigh in or provide an update to the citizens on their activities, if representatives are present

7:30-7:40

- Matt/All: Next steps – I feel the goal of this effort was to educate the public on their drinking water. If there is an issue determined (which there was) then we should work to first try to find safe drinking water and secondly to work towards finding solutions to help with the cause. *My question to the group is on this next step. It is an easy thing for us to look for funds to keep taking more samples (which is needed) however, I feel we need to put those samples and the data to use. To find safe drinking water, we need to map the extent and depths of the water-quality issues but also feel we need to create a model/tool for flow direction and timing. This is needed to ensure that if we suggest that a person needs to drill down Xft that they will hit "good" water or at least "good" water for a number of years. I know at the County level we don't have the expertise/funds to develop that model/tool and don't want to bring this up without the other agencies having time to give it some thought. I know people are going to want "action" against perceived violators, but we are going to make less progress in that conversation than we will with our first goal of finding ways to get better water to the residents. I would like to use the comment, if we knew exactly what the problem was today and we turned it off, it would still take many years for it to show up in private wells (I know there are exceptions). I am just bringing this up as I want to avoid discussing issues we can't address and the data doesn't support, as well as provide more of an assurance than we can sample our way out of this problem.*

7:40-8:00

- Open to questions – There has been concerns coming in about having a large showing from the Saratoga group and I am going to do my best to keep the discussion focused on concerns from those residents who are part of the survey area. I would also anticipate a lot of questions on: who will pay for treatments, how often should I be testing my water, who (agency) is responsible to ensure safe drinking water, and health issue concerns.

The times listed are general and can be used for guidance. However, we should try to wrap up the meeting at 8pm and hold that deadline pretty firm. I would like to try to hold the questions to the end, but if you want questions during your session, we can try that and see how it goes. We are really fortunate to have all of you willing to participate in this event and please let me know if you see a need for any changes or have suggestions. I am hoping to set this meeting up to be informative to the public as well as minimize the hot button issues that I know can't be addressed at this time.

See you next week.

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