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Subject: FW: Groundwater Sampling Plan Still Missing
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Subject: Groundwater Sampling Plan Still Missing

Friends
I've attached an NDEE-documented email chain from February this year covering Mr. Daryl Anderson's offer of four Lower Platte North NRD wells for sampling. As you will note, at the time of this offer, NDEE was not yet interested in sampling NRD wells.
You will also see in the in the emails that Mr. Mike Felix had answered a question from Mr. Anderson/NRD as follows: "The April 2019 Consent Order issued by NDEE to AltEn requires AltEn to submit and implement a groundwater monitoring plan under NDEE's oversite (sic). AltEn's plan includes monitoring well installation and sampling for pesticides. NDEE approved AltEn's plan in April 2020. The monitoring wells were installed September 2020. Monitoring results were due December 31, 2020, and will be added to the public file when received. **In the event groundwater contamination is detected, NDEE would require AltEn to conduct a detailed site assessment to define the full nature and extent of the contamination. Based on the results of this assessment, remedial action may be required to clean up the groundwater contamination before it could impact drinking water supplies."** (Emphasis mine)

1) To be clear, NDEE/Buell advised AltEn on April 14 of the regulatory requirement for this engineered sampling plan, recognizing that groundwater contamination by the pesticides has been detected.
2) To date, even after the discovery of pesticides in the monitoring wells and nearby drinking water wells, NDEE has not required the VCP parties to determine the full extent of the contamination and/or the applicable approved methods of remedial action.

I'm suggesting that leaders and participants in the ongoing public health study groups should contact Daryl Anderson again directly to coordinate help with sampling these wells as part of the required characterization study which, as you know, has again been postponed by NDEE.
Let me know if I can help with this in any way.
Regards,
Jim
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