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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Certified Return Receipt Mail

Reference: New York State Department of Health letter dated September 27, 2011

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Massapequa Water District (MWD) is in receipt of what seems to be a response on your behalf to a letter written directly to you and recent letters written to the State Department of Health regarding a highly toxic groundwater plume emanating from the Grumman / Navy site in Bethpage, NY. As you are now aware the aquifer beneath Long Island has been designated by the EPA as a "sole source" water supply and is contaminated with TCE, PCE, and other volatile organic compounds which are known cancer causing chemicals. To rely on well head treatment as the selected remediation method is not only in violation of the law but it also places the public at risk for exposure to the subject chemicals through ingestion (well head treatment **does not** guarantee zero exposure). This comes after a recent press release where the EPA has acknowledged the serious potential health effects and must now consider lowering the maximum contaminant level from 5 parts per billion to 1 part per billion. MWD has made this prediction time and time again.

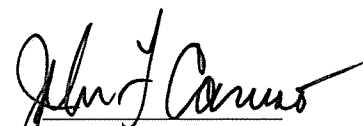
The NYSDOH has completely avoided addressing the health risks associated with these known carcinogens. Well head treatment must not be considered an option especially since we have proven other options are available that would eliminate the health risks. With the recent EPA press release and the inevitable lowering of the maximum contaminant level well head treatment will become extremely difficult if not impossible to implement, not to mention much more costly. You may also be aware that as recently as September 17, 2011 US Senator Charles Schumer came to our office (for the second time in 1 year) and publically stated that the plume must be contained before more public wells are impacted.

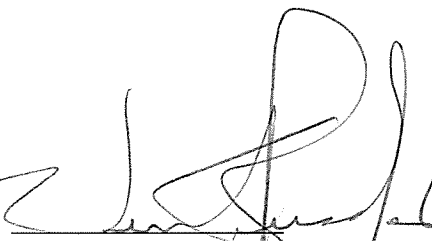
Committed to deliver and preserve our water supply for the welfare, health, and safety
of the inhabitants of the Massapequa Water District.

The Massapequa Water District urges you to take direct immediate action on this critical public health issue. The health effects of these contaminate must not be ignored by the State Departments of Health or Environmental Conservation. Each day that passes more and more public supply wells become closer to being contaminated as well as the public health of over 200,000 residents of New York State.

Sincerely,


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