

CASSOPOLIS WELL FIELD WHPA

Potential Contaminant Source Notification Letter

Dear Facility Owner/Operator:

Cassopolis's Department of Public Works and the Wellhead Protection Local Planning Team, in accordance with the Michigan Department Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE), have defined a Wellhead Protection Area around the Village's two public water supply wells. The attached map shows the established wellhead protection area for these wells. Based on our records, your facility has been identified as a potential contaminant source (PCS) to groundwater contamination based on past and/or current activities at the site.

PCSs that we identified within the Wellhead Protection Area include manufacturing facilities, active and former gasoline service stations, and industrial or transportation related chemical spills. Any of these operations may pose a risk for groundwater contamination if chemicals and wastes are not properly managed.

The Department of Public Works seeks your participation in the proper use, storage, and disposal of chemicals at your facility. Report chemical and petroleum spills promptly and clean spills as soon as possible when they occur. Emergency contact numbers are attached and we ask that you post this information in a conspicuous location and train facility personnel on appropriate spill response.

If your facility has a septic system, help further protect groundwater by not disposing of chemical down the drains and provide regular inspections and maintenance of your septic tank and leach field. Inspections can save you money by preventing unnecessary pump-outs, and a well-maintained system helps protect water quality.

Another way you can help is to properly seal abandoned water wells that are no longer in use. This prevents chemicals from entering the groundwater through the well. Additional information on abandoned wells and plugging procedures can be obtained from the Van Buren and Cass County Health Department at (269) 445-5280.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping protect our groundwater resources for future generations. If you have any questions, please contact the Cassopolis Village Hall at (269) 445-8648. You may also review a copy of the Wellhead Protection Plan during normal business hours at the Village Hall located at 117 Broadway, Suite 100, at the Cass District Library located at 319 M-62, or at the Cass County Conservation District offices at 1127 East State Street, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Sincerely,

Ron Bass,
Village Water Superintendent