Dear [Name],

The Department has investigated the possible contamination of your water supply by nearby oil and gas activity.

Laboratory analyses of samples collected at your residence do not indicate that your water supply has been contaminated with brine, oil, or methane/ethane gas. However, these samples did show elevated levels of iron (.683 mg/l), which is above the established drinking water standards. An elevated level of this compound is not uncommon in this region and can occur naturally but it is also recognized that it can become elevated as a result of drilling oil and gas wells. Without establishing the background quality of your water prior to drilling or substantiating another source of this pollution, Schreiner Oil and Gas, Inc. is presumed to be responsible for restoring your water supply to drinking water standards pursuant to Section 208 of the Oil and Gas Act. This can be accomplished by servicing the water well and/or installing adequate treatment systems as necessary to reach the drinking water standard. In the event that this does not meet this goal, the oil and gas operator is responsible for replacing the water supply with one that meets the drinking water standards.

The Department will make Schreiner Oil and Gas, Inc. aware of their responsibility in this matter.

In closing, the Department would like to thank you for your patience during this situation and also for your cooperation throughout the investigation. If you have any questions concerning this letter or the investigation, do not hesitate in contacting us at 814-723-3273.
Sincerely,

Brian B. Ayers
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Robert J. Maykowski
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