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Dear Neighbor,

Last week, we hosted a series of small, informal gatherings at the Fire Technology Center (FTC) property to discuss our work to provide clean drinking water to the community. We invited everyone in the study area to speak with us, so both our company and the community could listen to, and learn from each other.

Our hope was that this kind of setting, with no formal speeches or presentations, would produce an open conversation that is harder to have in a large town hall. About 23 people attended the sessions, and the conversations were candid, constructive, and civil. We are grateful for the time residents took out of their days for these discussions, and we plan to hold more meetings like this in the future.

Your understanding of our work, and our understanding of your concerns, will inevitably make for more productive communications.

The topic that got the most attention in our meetings was the waterline that will provide a clean, reliable, and permanent source of drinking water to residents in the study area. We want to hear from more people, but it was pretty clear from those who attended the sessions, that there is support for the waterline from the City of Marinette.

We are currently in discussions with local officials on a permanent solution to the waterline, discussing all available options in order to determine what's best for affected residents, and the community as a whole. Your support will be very helpful in moving the process forward.

We also want to share that we have entered into an agreement with the WDNR to begin the process of sampling drinking water wells near 61 fields in Marinette County where biosolids from the City of Marinette wastewater treatment facility were applied. The sampling will start this week and, per the agreement with the WDNR, we plan to submit the results to the agency in May.

Finally, we have received a letter from the WDNR seeking an expansion of the study area. We are reviewing their letter and will be speaking with them about the issue. We'll keep you informed as the matter progresses.

If you have additional questions or feedback to share, you can reach us at (800) 314-1381 or (715) 582-7100.

Thank you,



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