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Dear Residents,

The Borough of Wanaque has been receiving inquiries from residents about the quality of our drinking water. This is in response to recent media coverage regarding ground water contamination in Upper Ringwood. I want to assure you that the issues in Upper Ringwood have not had any effect on Wanaque's three wells. The Upper Ringwood contamination area is over seven miles away from our closest well on Meadowbrook Avenue. Our wells are tested regularly as required by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. These test results are filed with the DEP and monitored closely by that Agency. Each year the Borough publishes a Consumer Confidence Report detailing the results of our water tests. You can access this report on the Borough's website www.wanaqueborough.com and use the link at the bottom of the page. The report for 2015 is the most current. The 2016 report will be on-line by the end of June.

Water test results in 2014 and 2015 did not show any detectable amounts of 1,4 dioxane, which is the contaminant that has been mentioned in news reports. We have ordered additional tests of each of our wells specifically for this substance.

The Borough's water supply predominantly comes from three wells owned by the Borough. We also purchase water from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission (Wanaque Reservoir) to meet peak demands during the summer months. The results of their water tests are also included in the Borough's Consumer Confidence Report. The Commission is actively monitoring the situation in Ringwood, and will do everything that is necessary to protect the drinking water of over 2 million North Jersey residents.

We are in regular communication with representatives of the Borough of Ringwood, The North Jersey District Water Supply Commission and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Should there be any changes to the quality of our drinking water, all of our residents will be immediately notified.

Safeguarding our water supply is a top priority for the Borough Council.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Mahler
Mayor