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Subject: English #1 Oil & Gas Well Investigation, Bainbridge Township, Geauga County

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The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management (DMRM) has completed the investigation of the natural gas aquifer invasion in the Bainbridge Township, Geauga County. The investigation was initiated as a result of an in-home explosion that was reported by the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency on December 15, 2007. The DMRM concluded that the natural gas incident resulted from a well-construction problem at the English No.1 Well owned by Ohio Valley Energy Systems Corp. The DMRM has evaluated public health and safety as well as the potability of ground water for domestic and public water wells developed in four aquifers in the vicinity of the English No. 1 Well.

Attached please find an executive summary, which has been developed as part of the investigation report. The DMRM has made available a copy of the full report on-line at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/mineral> along with the on-going natural gas monitoring efforts. Printed copies of the report will be made available upon request at the contact information listed below.

As stated in earlier correspondence, Ohio Valley Energy Systems Corp. announced their intention to extend public water lines to areas of Bainbridge Township. The DMRM is also working with experts in the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to address questions regarding the potability of local ground water supplies. The DMRM will continue to work cooperatively with local residents who are currently on temporary water supplies, but wish to return to use of their domestic water wells.

The division is committed to answering your questions and addressing your concerns concerning this investigation. If you have questions please refer them to Marlene Hall at our Uniontown office at (330) 896-0616 or via e-mail at marlene.hall@dnr.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Husted".

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