

## **ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY**

## April 6, 2011

Mr. Ronald C. Furlan, PE
Manager
Division Of Planning and Permits
PA Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
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Re: Permit ID: PA 0027014, Altoona Water Authority

Dear Mr. Furlan,

On April 5, 2011, Mr. Lee McDonnell and Mr. J. Pascal Kwedza from the Southcentral Office telephoned to inform me that if the Altoona Water Authority wished to continue receiving gas well drilling wastewater our current practice of land applying biosolids would be terminated and the sludge produced would then be required to be placed into a landfill for disposal. They also stated that the additional sampling indicated in your letter dated March 18, 2011 would become part of the amended permit.

To continue receiving gas well drilling wastewater, the sludge disposal cost for the Altoona Water Authority would be as high as five times the current revenue it creates per year. (approximately \$80,000)

With the pending permit amendments and the effluent data requested in your letter the Altoona Water Authority will abandon the practice of receiving any gas well wastewater for disposal. The Altoona Water Authority requests the monitoring requirements described in the March 18, 2011 letter not be enforced since we will no longer accept the wastewater.

The permit issued to Pennsylvania General Energy of Warren, PA and the Hauler Licence issued to Dively Trucking of Somerset, PA will be terminated as of April 8, 2011. The last delivery of this wastewater has been set for 3:00 PM on the same day.

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If there are any questions or additional information is required, please call me at 814-949-2246 ext. 2202

Respectfully,

George C. Boliski

**Environmental Services Manger** 

cc: J. Pascal Kwedza, DEP

John Lovell, EPA Region III

Mark Perry, Altoona Water Authority