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RE: Harbor Road Farm

A recent news publication reported on the dumping of contaminated soil at a farm on Harbor Road in the Morganville section of the Township, and cited a source who indicated that “the contaminated material was at risk of leaching into a groundwater aquifer.” As was also reported, the site is currently undergoing a court-ordered remediation under the guidance of a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

In response to the article, the Marlboro Water Utility is taking this opportunity to reassure its customers that the contaminated material has not and will not affect the Township’s water supply wells.

Marlboro’s water comes from groundwater that is pumped from 700 ft. deep wells, which are located in the Potomac-Raritan Magothy (Farrington) Aquifer. This aquifer is defined by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) as a “confined aquifer”. Per the –New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act Rules (NJAC 7:10-1.3 Definitions): “A confined aquifer is an aquifer which contains ground water under pressure between or below a relatively impermeable or significantly less permeable material.”

Additionally, Marlboro Water performs sampling throughout the year as required by the NJDEP for possible inorganic/organic and man-made contaminants. All results have been well below the maximum contaminate level (MCL) as mandated by the DEP. For additional water quality and sampling result information please reference the Township’s ['2018 Consumer Confidence Report'](#).

Further inquiries can be directed to the Marlboro Water Utility Division at 732-536-0200 ext. 1816.