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Mr. Kieling, your name was provided to me by The New Mexico Environmental Law Center and the office of Susana Martinez, Governor of New Mexico as a contact person regarding an issue wherein a large volume of liquid toxic/hazard waste was allowed to flow onto grounds in the NW4NW4 Section 5, Township 14S, Range 36E, NMPM being in Lea County New Mexico.

The location of the waste spill is a storage and pumping system owned by DKD-swd wherein on October 4, 2015 several thousand gallons of waste fluid that was in storage prior to being injected into geologic formation underlying the area was dumped onto the ground. Our family owns lands adjacent to the spill site where we have two domestic and three irrigation water supply well each having a completed depth of approximately 100ft. with static water levels at 60ft. Two of the wells are within 250 ft. of the spill area. It is reported that on the October 4th date several of the storage tanks caught fire from unknown cause allowing the volume in storage to be dumped onto the land. The volume of storage was more than the containment barrier around the tanks thus an unknown amount of toxic fluid was allowed to spill outside the containment area thence percolation into the ground with apparent contamination potential of the shallow aquifer that supplies water for livestock and irrigation.

We have made numerous inquiries to various requesting information as to how the cleanup of the site is being monitored and more important how future monitoring of the contamination of the groundwater is to be handled. As of this date no response to our numerous requests for information has been received except the attached letter from Governor Susana Martinez. Our request to your office is very simple: we would like information as to the testing of the soils around the spill area, monitoring of the contaminated soils both in the spill area as well as outside the spill area where the hazard waste was allowed to percolate into the ground and very definitely testing and monitoring of the shallow aquifer underlying the area. At your earliest I would very much appreciate your investigation of these matters.

Thanking you in advance for your time and efforts, I am


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