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Eric Andreus, P.G. Natural Resource Manager NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA, INC. 305 Nestle Way Breinigsville, PA 18301

Re: NWNA and Gower Estates, LLC/Eldred Township

Dear Mr. Andreus:

As you may recall, this firm has been appointed the Solicitor to Eldred Township. NWNA's Special Exception Zoning Application to the Eldred Township Zoning Hearing Board ("ZHB") indicates that NWNA drilled approximately 17 test or monitoring water wells on or near the Gower Estates, LLC ("Gower") property in Eldred Township. NWNA withdrew its Special Exception Application on or about June 8, 2016. While that may have resolved the Special Exception Application, the Township is still concerned about the water wells that were drilled, and now, presumably, have been abandoned.

Pennsylvania regulates water well abandonment. As a sophisticated entity in the water resources business, I expect that NWNA is familiar with the regulations, and undertook the necessary steps to properly abandon the prior water wells. Nonetheless, due to the possible consequences of improper abandonment to the aquifer, and surrounding properties, the Township is requesting that NWNA provide it with appropriate documentation confirming that the water wells have been abandoned in compliance with Pennsylvania regulations. Please forward the confirmatory documentation to my attention.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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As a courtesy, a copy of this correspondence is being sent to Attorney Tim Weston, NWNA's counsel in the Special Exception Application proceeding, as well as to Attorney Marc Wolfe, counsel to Gower Estates, LLC.

Sincerely,

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