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Well Owner Address City, State Zip

Reference Property: Address City, State zip

Subject: Permanent alternate water supply installation notification

Dear Well Owner,

We understand how important clean water is to you and your family. The state environmental department is writing to inform you that under the law signed by the governor, we are requiring Duke Energy to provide households located near coal ash ponds with permanent drinking water supplies and peace of mind.

As part of this effort, the new law requires Duke Energy to install a permanent replacement water supply to your home as soon as practicable, but no later than October 15, 2018. You are receiving this letter because the state's initial review indicated that your household meets the criteria for the installation of a permanent alternate drinking water supply.

In this initial step, a new water supply is required for each house within a half mile of a coal ash impoundment, and that isn't separated by a body of water that would provide a natural barrier for the migration of any contamination. Next, the law will require new water supplies to be installed outside the half mile boundary wherever any Duke Energy coal ash contamination is found.

In the near future you should expect to be contacted by Duke Energy about providing a permanent replacement water supply. The state environmental department is committed to holding Duke Energy accountable for meeting the requirements of the law. As a part of this effort our department has created a website that will keep you and your family informed on the progress of providing a permanent water supply. The website includes a copy of the new law and a summary of its requirements. The website will be updated as Duke Energy provides the information required under the law. You can find the website at deq.nc.gov/news/hot-topics/coal-ash-nc/drinking-water-protection. If you prefer, you may also call Debra Watts at 919-807-6338 for more information about this new law.

Let me assure you that the McCrory administration remains committed to permanently eliminating any threat that coal ash may pose to public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

