



GRUMMAN PLUME – IMPORTANT UPDATE

DISTRICT CONTINUES TO PROACTIVELY PUSH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SUPPLY WELL PROTECTION – RESIDENTS NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION NOW!

As you are aware, the Massapequa Water District has a vital role to ensure the integrity of our drinking water supply and to provide optimum public health protection. To this end, the District continues to aggressively and proactively address groundwater contamination concerns. At present the Grumman highly contaminated groundwater plume continues to travel rapidly toward our public water supply wells. Based on our comprehensive sampling and laboratory testing procedures, our drinking water supply wells are not impacted by the plume and presently comply with all federal and state water quality standards. This situation will change unless swift and determined action is undertaken to remediate the highly contaminated plume and prevent the contamination from advancing toward our wells. The Massapequa Water District is the last water district in the path of the Grumman contaminated plume that has not been impacted to date.

The Board of Commissioners takes public health protection very seriously. Accordingly, meetings have been held with Senator Schumer's Long Island representative in order to obtain much needed federal assistance and funding. For the past decade, we have taken every step possible to have the Grumman plume remediated. This has been ignored by the state (NYSDEC) and federal (EPA) regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over our sole source drinking water supply. These agencies are allowing the contaminants to enter water supply wells and then relying on treating the contamination at that point. This methodology known as wellhead treatment has proven to be unreliable over the past decade especially considering the more stringent regulatory requirements imposed on drinking water by the EPA. The Massapequa Water District, over the past 16 years was and remains opposed to wellhead treatment as the answer to this contamination. Data and information produced by the NYSDEC clearly indicates that the Massapequa Water Districts position is the right one for our water supply. *Therefore, we are seeking the Senator's assistance to compel federal and state regulatory agencies to perform their regulatory duties properly by remediating the groundwater contamination*

To help us with our mission to protect our vital drinking water supply we ask that you please read and sign our on-line petition to Senator Schumer regarding the Northrop Grumman groundwater contamination. The petition can be found at <http://www.massapequawater.com> . If you do not have Internet or e-mail access, you can fax the petition on the backside of this document to the Massapequa Water District at (516) 798-0279.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please feel free to contact the Massapequa Water District at (516) 798-5269 if you should have any questions or require any additional information.



2010 PETITION CLEANUP OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION PLUME

Dear Senator Schumer:

A massive groundwater contamination plume (estimated at 3.5 miles long and 1.6 miles wide) flowing from the Northrop Grumman/Navy site in Bethpage, New York is threatening the public water supply wells operated by the Massapequa Water District. The prime contaminants are TCE, PCE, CIS-DCE, Freon 13 and 1, 1-DCE.

New York State law requires that this plume be subject to a cleanup (6 NYCRR Sec. 375-1.8(c) (1)) and that the site be restored to predisposal conditions, to the extent feasible. Sec. 375-2.8(a). To date, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has failed to require off-site cleanup of the groundwater in violation of its own regulation.

We are asking you to take action to ensure the plume is properly remediated. The responsible parties, Northrop Grumman and the Navy, must be required to engage in the necessary remedial activity.

PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION TO SENATOR SCHUMER... go on line to
<http://www.massapequawater.com> or fax to (516) 798-0279

First Name:

Last Name:

Telephone:

Signature:

