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Loloff Mine Complaint Investigation

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Peter,

Jeff Anderson and myself went to Rocky Francis residence to investigate the complaint of well issues. As to Mr. Francis first complaint that the well water levels have not improved the only well in the area that had access was the stock well #2655A. In 2015 the division recorded static water levels of 22.64 ft. In December the division recorded levels at 16.78 ft. on 6/6/2017 the static water level was 12.4 ft. Rocky's records showed the previous months level at 12.9. I asked Mr. Francis to turn the well on to see if there was adequate water supply and he said no, there was not enough and that his pump might burn up. I said that he (Rocky) had just measured the water depth at 12.4 ft. he replied that there was not enough water at that time. I asked him when the last time he tried the well was and he replied "20 years ago." I stated that unless we turn the pump on we don't know if there is a problem and he agreed to turn the pump on. After some time Rocky turned the pump on and stayed inside for a period of time due to fire concerns. When the pump was turned on it ran a stream of clear water for several seconds followed by rust colored water, then clear again. The pump ran for approximately 2 minutes and did not run out of water.

I asked Mr. Francis to turn on his irrigation well and he said that if he turns it on and it blows up that I would be responsible for the damage, I declined and asked him when the last time he tried to run the pump was and he replied "around 20 ago". I asked him how do we know if there is a problem with this pump if you haven't tried it and he stated that "because we stopped dewatering our pit the ditch is empty and that the ground water was flowing around his property." I reminded him that ground water was at 12ft. 100ft. away at his other well. He stated the ditch was dry and there was no water for his irrigation well and perhaps our slurry wall had failed. I asked if we could check the depth of water in the casing and he said no, they have been unable to remove nut to allow that for quit some time.

Well #135883 Domestic well. We measured water level at 10ft. and the water probe got stuck on something in the casing, I asked rocky what it was stuck on and he said that the electrical line had been cut and that they have not used it for several years because the house had a water tap.

I informed Rocky that I would report my findings to Peter Hays and that until the pumps are able to be turned on to determine if there is a problem this matter is resolved.

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