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Sent registered mail.

Mr. Brent Friesen
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Dear Dr. Friesen,

Re: Flammable Water Supply

I request your assistance please. I and some of my rural neighbours experienced sudden dramatic changes to our well water in August 2005. These changes include being able to ignite the water, and skin and eye irritations after bathing.

I have a report by Hydrogeological Consultants Ltd. dated January 2005. It shows that EnCana fractured into multiple Rosebud aquifers, including the one that supplies the Hamlet of Rosebud.

December 16, 2005, I reported my concerns to the Alberta Energy and Utility Board, EnCana Application No. ENC08_353_01. I wrote the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board again on January 13, 2006. To date, the Board has not taken responsible action.

On February 28, 2006, I and another rural resident from Rosebud and a third from Wetaskiwin, Alberta went to the Alberta Legislature with our concerns about public health and safety because of tainted water supplies. The Honourable Guy Boutilier, Alberta Minister of Environment, promised safe water for all adversely impacted citizens. So far, Alberta Environment has not provided safe water to any adversely impacted resident here at Rosebud.

The Rosebud water tower lid blew off in an explosion last winter – a propane torch was blamed. What if methane from the water ignited when the maintenance man lit his propane torch?

Is a level of 55,700 ppm of methane dissolved in tap water acceptable and safe?

Alberta Environment came to test my water on March 3, 2006; they took duplicate samples so that I could take one set to a lab of my choice. Mr. Darren Bourget, Alberta Environment, advised me by phone yesterday that my well water has 12 ppm methane dissolved in it.

I took the duplicate samples collected by Alberta Environment to Norwest Labs and paid for the analysis; Norwest reported methane levels of 55,700 ppm dissolved in water from my kitchen tap. I have attached the results for your review.

I request a formal investigation of the water supply here and possible sources of contamination. I thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ernst

CC

Dr. David Butler Jones, Chief Public Health Officer for Canada, by Canada Post

Dr. Nicholas Bayliss, Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health and Wellness, by Canada Post

Mr. David Tuer, Board Chair, Calgary Health Region, by Canada Post

Dr. David Swan, Alberta Liberal Environment Critic, Official Opposition by Email