

water testing for Hartsville wells

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ALFRED — Traces of an industrial contaminant in the drinking water of Patton's Mountain View Rest Home are spurring the state Department of Public Health to expedite water testing procedures in the Hartsville area.

At the same time, public health officials say residents should not push the panic button. In fact, the contamination level at Patton's is so low that it may be the result of a "glitch" in the Albany laboratory.

Health department standards mandate a maximum level of trichloroethene at five parts per billion. Today department specialist Cameron O'Connor confirmed recent tests indicate six parts trichloroethene per billion.

If subsequent water tests confirm those results, the immediate suspect in the contamination would be a landfill on the crest of Hartsville Hill which the state Department of Environmental Conservation has cited as a "significant threat to the environment."

The landfill is owned by Patton's Busy Bee Disposal Service of Almond. It was closed under DEC supervision in 1988.

O'Connor today, however, cautioned the recent test results may not be conclusive.

"It's too close to call when you have such a low hit. It's got to be confirmed to make sure there wasn't a glitch in the lab."

O'Connor said the Pattons' water will be tested again today.

An expedited testing process, however, should return test results shortly, he said. Under normal circumstances, water tests conducted through the department's Albany laboratory take between four to six weeks.

"I hope to get the results real quick," O'Connor said. He explained the Albany laboratory would be directed to test the samples when they arrive at the facility.

In the event those results confirm the recent tests, O'Connor said the health department would notify the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The DEC then would install a carbon filter in the Patton's water system.

In the meantime, O'Connor said, the Patton's water was safe for bathing, although "to be on the safe side I'd say go with bottled water" for drinking.

"The contamination is so low." However, "if the levels go higher, then we would reconsider."

If the contamination is confirmed, O'Connor said he would be concerned that it had affected

the Pattons' well because of its location east of the landfill.

DEC monitoring of the landfill has indicated the main leachate was traveling in a southwesterly direction.

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GOP head predicts Dems will pick Cuomo

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It will be months before Democrats officially pick their nominee for president, but Republican Party chairman Clayton Yeutter says he knows who it will be — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

"Absolutely. I've felt that way for well over a year," Yeutter said Sunday on the CBS-TV program "Face the Nation."

Cuomo has been the subject of recurring rumors about a presidential campaign since he delivered an electrifying keynote speech at the 1984 Democratic National Convention. After months of denying any interest in the 1992 campaign, he recently said he would consider the idea.

Democratic Party chairman Ron Brown, who appeared on the television program with Yeutter, said Democrats have "an outstanding field of candidates right now" but Cuomo would be "formidable" if he ran.

"I know a lot of people are waiting to see what Gov. Cuomo will do," Brown said. "I've said that I hope whoever is considering seeking our party's nomination will make their decision by the first week in November and that's what I expect to happen."

For his part, Yeutter said he viewed Cuomo as an unannounced candidate who has used trial balloons to deflect attention from Democratic candidates.

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data doesn't always occur, and then you have to go figure out why. "There's going to be a lot of movement out there."

O'Connor said water tests for other Hartsville residents would be expedited also.

Testing kits have been sent to the Allegany County health department. It's expected that officials there will schedule tests this week with Hartsville residents.

The DEC has notified four businesses — Morrison Knudsen Corp.; SKF Industries, formerly of Hornell; Loohn's Cleaners; and Busy Bee — they may be held responsible for a remediation and feasibility study to be conducted at the landfill site.

DEC attorney Glen Bailey last week said the department soon would make a determination on whether to tap into state superfund monies in order to commence the study.

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