

**Ami Wazlawik**  
State Representative  
District 38B



# Minnesota House of Representatives

February 7, 2019

Laura Bishop, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road N  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Commissioner Bishop:

I am writing to express concerns regarding the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's efforts to notify the public of the February 7 meeting on trichloroethylene (TCE) pollution caused by Water Gremlin Inc. Your assistance in addressing my concerns would be greatly appreciated.

A constituent sent me the following:

*"To date, those living in the "area of concern" have received ZERO physical information or notice of the issue. NOTHING from MPCA, The City of White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, White Bear Lake Schools....nothing. I only found out about this by following the White Bear Press Pub on Facebook. This is information I deserve to know and demand my neighbors know too. If a meeting is to be held, we ALL deserve notice."*

I understand that Water Gremlin shut down facilities emitting TCE on January 14, and there is an urgency to hold a public meeting about the situation. I am also aware that the MPCA made efforts to notify residents about the public meeting through email, news media, and social media. However, not everyone uses email, reads the local news, or uses social media. These methods are expedient, but not effective enough. Without question, notifying residents through physical mail, the conventional method, would reach the most residents in the area of concern.

It is unacceptable that residents were not properly notified of Water Gremlin's TCE pollution and the potential impacts, let alone that residents were not properly notified of the February 7 public meeting. I respectfully ask that the MPCA send physical mail notices to residents in the area of concern about Water Gremlin's TCE pollution and its potential impacts. I also ask that



further public meetings about the situation are scheduled, and that residents receive a physical mail notice about the meetings.

A public meeting does little when few members of the public are aware it is happening. I hope you will fulfill my requests so that all residents in the area of concern are aware of the effects TCE could have on their health, as well as the opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns to the MPCA. This is a serious matter and it ought to be addressed accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ami Wazlawik".

Ami Wazlawik  
State Representative

cc: Greta Gauthier, MPCA Legislative Director