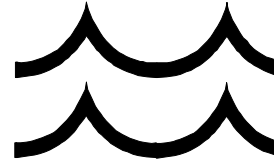


Pure Water Now

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Dear Name1 and Name2:

Della Drake, an attorney in Iron City, recommended that you may be able to help our organization in connection with our ongoing efforts to improve the accountability of the Iron City Water Department (ICWD), as well as the appalling quality of our drinking water. The ICWD is a public water supplier furnishing drinking water to the approximately 80,000 residents (35,000 subscribers) of Iron City, Iowa.

Pure Water Now (PWN) is a not-for profit membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, with offices in Iron City. PWN is dedicated to the task of keeping the citizens of Iron City informed about the quality of their drinking water. We presently have approximately 80 members who live in and near Iron City. For almost three years, we have sought to obtain a full and frank disclosure of the pollutants that contaminate our drinking water, but city officials have not been very cooperative. In particular, we believe that the ICWD has failed in its obligations to comply with permit limits and to notify the public of contaminant violations in a timely manner.

We have recently succeeded in obtaining a copy of the ICWD public water supply operation permit, as well as computer printouts summarizing the contaminant monitoring reports that have been prepared by the ICWD in the past few years. We have studied those materials, but cannot understand our rights under the law. We believe that we cannot proceed further without legal assistance.

Would you be willing to represent our organization in this matter? We have enclosed copies of the documents so that you will have a better idea of our situation.

Sincerely,

Norma Jean Smith-Burkhart

Philip Burkhart

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Enclosures

