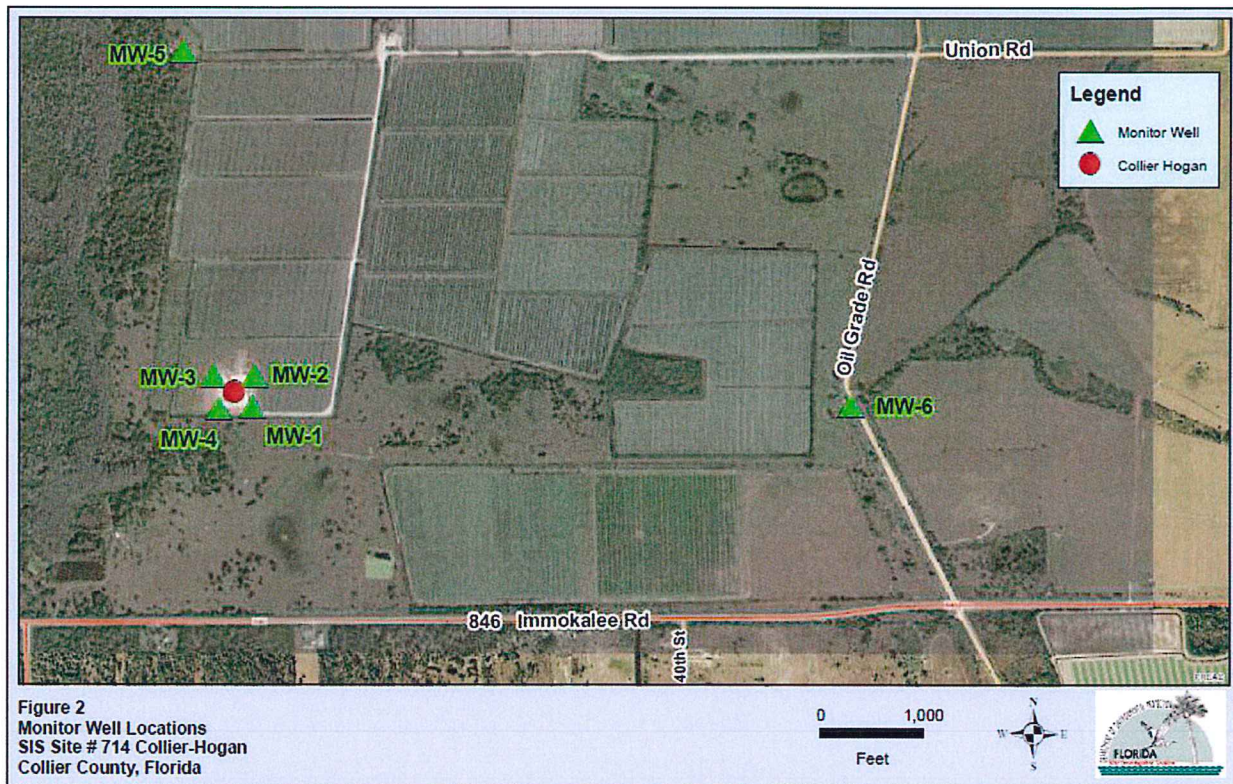


April 17, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners  
Attn: Chairman Tim Nance  
3299 Tamiami Trail East  
Suite 303  
Naples, FL 34112

Dear Chairman Nance:

I am writing today to give you an update on the results of the water quality sampling at the Collier-Hogan well site. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has conducted six rounds of water sampling from multiple wells, the locations of which are referenced in the map below, since June 2014. Collier Resources Company (CRC) requested the results of the sampling from DEP and asked Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) to review and interpret the results on our behalf.



As such, CRA reviewed the six sets of groundwater data collected at the Collier-Hogan well site, which are displayed in the attached document. These data sets were collected in order to characterize the effect, if any, of the Collier-Hogan oil well installation on shallow surficial groundwater near the well. The data sets were collected in June, September, October, and November 2014 and in January and February 2015 from eight locations across the site.



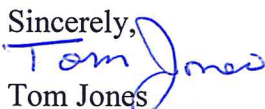
The eight groundwater sampling points were located at the southeast corner (MW-1), the northeast corner (MW-2), the northwest corner (MW-3), the southwest corner (MW-4), the background location (MW-5), adjacent to the oil well (MW-6), the northwest supply well (NMSW) and the southeast supply well (SESW). Appropriate quality control samples were also collected and a wide range of parameters was analyzed, including volatile and semi-volatile chemicals, numerous metals and non-metals, petroleum-related aliphatic compounds and general water quality parameters. No chemicals were detected that were indicative of a release from the installation of the Collier-Hogan oil well. In fact, the chemicals detected indicate that the natural background conditions make the groundwater unfit to drink without treatment, which is the case for much of the natural shallow surficial groundwater across the State of Florida.

Specifically, the alkalinity and pH data do not indicate the release of any acidic fluids, nor do the volatile, semi-volatile and aliphatic data indicate a petroleum release. The results from MW-6 near the oil well for metals (all of which are naturally occurring elements) are all encompassed within the range of concentrations found in the other more distant monitoring well data and the background data. Similar results were obtained for the water quality data, which indicate high iron concentrations in groundwater in this region (which is consistent with data from other regional investigations conducted by CRA). Importantly, this data was collected over the past nine months (and approximately a year since the oil well installation activities actually occurred); thereby, allowing sufficient time to detect a release, if it had occurred.

**Thus we can conclude, that the data collected indicate that groundwater assessed in the vicinity of the Collier-Hogan well was not adversely affected by the oil well installation**

As you may recall, many accusations were made claiming actual and imminent contamination of our aquifer; and, on behalf of CRC, I believe you and your colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners will welcome these results and positive news. We will continue to provide additional updates on this front in the future, in an effort to keep our community well apprised of the ongoing studies conducted at the Collier-Hogan well site.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 403-6805.

Sincerely,  
  
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Sr. Vice President

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