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Rohm and Haas to Fund Well Testing in McCullom Lake

WOODSTOCK, IL – At the Wednesday, August 25 meeting of the McHenry County Public Health and Human Services Committee, County Board Chairman Ken Koehler presented a letter from Rohm and Haas Company, of Ringwood, Illinois, indicating that they are willing to provide funding to expand well testing in the Village of McCullom Lake.

In a letter addressed to Chairman Ken Koehler, Rohm and Haas stated that they are willing to provide financial assistance to the County for additional independent testing through the following three components:

1. To fund the County's additional well testing for Village of McCullom Lake homeowners who request it, Rohm and Haas will commit up to \$125 for each well tested for the presence of vinyl chloride (up to \$50,000 if all village wells were tested). To ensure that the results are both independent and credible, the County and/or Illinois EPA will select EPA-certified firms to conduct the testing and related laboratory analysis.
2. Rohm and Haas will commit up to \$5,000 to test outdoor Village air for vinyl chloride and that McHenry County and/or the Illinois EPA will select EPA-certified firms to conduct the testing and the laboratory analysis to assure independent and credible results.
3. Finally, Rohm and Haas is prepared to commit up to \$50,000 to support an independent comprehensive expert assessment of the various theories of vinyl chloride exposure in the Village through the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Water Survey.

“This is a good opportunity for the residents of McCullom Lake to get peace of mind that their water supply is safe and good corporate stewardship by Rohm and Haas to propose these components,” stated Chairman Koehler in regards to the letter.

Following the presentation by Chairman Koehler, the Public Health and Human Services Committee agreed that McHenry County should assist in the efforts to bring testing of the McCullom Lake water supply through independent and EPA-certified firms.

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