

In July of 2004 EHRWSD became aware of groundwater contamination at the Little Hocking Water Association, located in southern Ohio, from a compound known as C8. C8, which has unknown health effects, is used by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in their facility near Parkersburg, West Virginia. After discussions with the Ohio EPA and the DuPont Co. it was discovered that C8 is also used at the Circleville DuPont facility although in much lower quantities than the Parkersburg facility.

After further discussions with the Ohio EPA and the DuPont Co. it was agreed that in order to assure ourselves and our customers that C8 was not present in our drinking water we would sample each of our four production wells in addition to one pretreatment sample and two post treatment samples to determine if C8 was present. It was also agreed that all sampling and analysis costs were to be paid for by DuPont.

On October 19, 2004 the results of our analysis was reported to the Ohio EPA. All seven sample results were reported as non-detectable (less than 0.01 parts per billion). As a comparison, sample results of the production wells of the Little Hocking Water Association were between 1.7 and 6.2 parts per billion.

We continue to monitor the C8 situation through the Ohio EPA.

If you have any questions regarding your drinking water please contact Dennis L. Williams, General Manager at 474-3114.