

July 5th, 2001



Dear Sirs,

I cannot appear in person due to a prior commitment. Please accept this letter on my behalf that I have given to Don Sharp to represent my opinions on this Hearing.

Last Year I received a letter asking me to sign an oil and gas lease from the Matrix Corporation. I declined to sign it because I did not want a GAS well anywhere near my property. That was the only letter I received until April when I received a letter that said Third notice, offering me a 50.00 bonus if I signed. By then they had started clearing land behind my house and drilling the well. I was very upset over this and had contacted my neighbor to see if he had signed the lease. Don Sharp had not signed either.

Not only was this drilling a huge inconvenience in my life considering I get up at 3:30 in the morning to go to work and I did not get any sleep, but I feel it is a risk to my property and my family. They left this well completely opened and a very large hole uncovered. For over a week the neighborhood children were playing on the mound of dirt that was there. At anytime one of the children could have been seriously injured.

I contacted the Dan Schwartz and he said he did not need my consent to drill, that he had a majority. However 3 of the houses that are most affected did not sign a consent. He told me that even if I did not sign he would still get a Variance and I would be out the money I could be receiving from the royalties of the wells. I still declined to sign. Then he contacted me again and said he would be given a Fine per day if I did not sign and Don did not sign than he offered me another bonus.

I asked Dan at that time if he was within the 350' limit that his letter states they have to be from my property. He said yes. I asked if I could get a copy of the survey and a letter from an appraiser stating that it would not decrease my property value by having the well that close. He assured me that he had spoken to several appraisers and it would not affect my value. I asked about the FHA financing for properties with wells. He said it was within their guidelines. I took him at his word and made an appointment to sign the papers based on him telling me he would have those papers I requested at the time of signing.

When I got there to sign the papers on May 3rd he had a letter dated April 1st, 2001. I asked if that was legal for me to be signing on a different date and he said yes. However I dated the papers the correct date of May 3rd.

After I signed the papers I asked for the documents he was suppose to supply to me. I received a copy of the certificate of footage's which showed my property as being only 306 feet away from the well instead of 350 feet. He said he could not get a letter from an appraiser because no one was willing to put that in writing about it not decreasing my value but he assured me it would not. I have since found out that I cannot have my house financed by FHA.

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I was also turned down for refinancing my house because of the GAS well. I don't feel that a Variance should be granted and I think I should be compensated for being stuck with property now that I have no chance of selling. I think his methods of drilling first and getting consent after the fact are a very underhanded way of doing business and it makes me wonder how many other people have gone through the same situation I am in , with no recourse. I am currently seeking legal action in this matter. Please don't grant the Variance.



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*Tonya Malcom*  
*Notary for the State of Colorado, County of Weld*  
*on 7/5/01.*  
*my Commission expires May 14, 2003*