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## Water Everywhere

Weather has been a little odd recently. The only good thing I can say about it is at least it wasn't snow. Four inches of rain in a few hours after several inches of rain in the week before made for some stream and basement flooding. We have several customers who get water in their basements and they are usually ready for anything when a big rain storm is forecast. But even when you think you are prepared, there may be surprises in store. This past week 3 customers' basements were inundated. In one case a pump malfunctioned and in another the sump was just overwhelmed. When things like this happen, I usually make suggestions to avoid it in the future. A backup pump is a good investment because if it isn't needed, it just sits there at the ready. No wear and tear on that unit until it comes to your aid. If you don't have a sump pit you may need to install one because water needs to a place to go and hoping it will stay under the concrete floor is just wishful thinking. Even with a pump, you need a drainage plan. Two pumps cannot share an outlet pipe because each will degrade the others ability to remove water. In winter these pipes need to be able to empty after each pump cycle because if the temperature drops outside and the water freezes in the pipes, they will be useless. The water needs to get far enough away from the foundation that it won't find its way back in quickly. There are numerous pumps to choose from and a small plastic one is always a bad idea. Having two pumps on different dedicated circuits from the main panel is a sign of good planning. No flexible drain hoses should be used and the pumps should use reliable float switches that cannot get caught on anything in the sump.

If HVAC equipment gets wet or is submerged, it needs to be inspected by a professional. When we repair flooded systems, we always replace any safety controls that were wet. Returning a system to service needs to be guaranteed safe. An oil or gas furnace needs to be dried out thoroughly after replacing the damaged parts and brought back online in a safe, controlled way. It needs to be monitored through several run cycles to be sure it is ready for unattended operation again.

An automatic backup generator with the pump circuits powered can, and probably will, be a lifesaver one day. Without a way to run them, pumps will be useless in a major storm with power outages.

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### NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO REMEDIATE FOR STATEWIDE HEALTH STANDARDS [SECTIONS 302(e)(1)(ii), 303(h)(1)(ii), 304(n)(1)(i), and 305(c)(1)]

Pursuant to the Land Recycling & Environmental Remediation Standards Act, the act of May 19, 1995, P.L. 4, No. 1995-2., notice is hereby given that Turkey Ridge Properties, owner, is submitting to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection a Notice of Intent to Remediate (NIR) a property, located at 4136 Church Street, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton Co., Pa. This NIR states that the site is a non-residential property that has been found to be contaminated with polyaromatic compounds. Additional site investigations indicate that the soil contamination was limited to the area of the former septic tanks. The proposed remediation measures will be excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils and removal. The proposed future use of the property will remain non-residential.

### NEWSPAPER NOTIFICATION OF A FINAL REPORT SUBMITTAL STATEWIDE HEALTH STANDARD [SECTIONS 302(e)(2), 303(h)(2)]

Notice is hereby given that Envirosearch Consultants, Inc., on behalf of Turkey Ridge Properties, owner, is submitting a final report to the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast Regional Office, to demonstrate attainment of the Statewide Health Cleanup Standard (SHS) for a property, located at 4136 Church Street, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pa. Envirosearch has indicated that the remediation measures taken for soil have attained compliance with the SHS established under the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards (LR-ERS) Act.

This notice is made under the provisions of the LR-ERS Act, the Act of May 19, 1995, P.L. 4, No. 2.