



## **Selinsgrove Environmental Update**

*Below are the key findings of research by governmental agencies and clinical specialists of the Selinsgrove environment and possible links to cancer incidences.*

### **Snyder County Government**

- Snyder County Board of Commissioners have found no health-related environmental hazards of concern in the county or in Selinsgrove upon completing a comprehensive study of potential environmental hazards, including an examination of water, hazardous materials and land use, in the Spring of 2005.

### **The Borough of Selinsgrove**

- The Borough's annual water tests have continually shown that the quality of water supplied through the municipal water system, which is used by the University and the townspeople, is safe.

### **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**

- An extensive investigation of the Selinsgrove environment and the SU campus by the DEP in the spring of 2007 uncovered no imminent public health risk, nor any evidence of residual environmental contamination that would have posed a health risk in the past.

### **Pennsylvania Department of Health**

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health has reviewed reported local cancer rates and specific cancer cases that were subject of speculation in the spring of 2007 and found no indication of an environmental connection.
- The department has agreed to review Susquehanna University alumni data against state cancer registries, and that study is underway.

### **Private Pathologist Review**

- A respected medical pathologist concluded that the incidence rates of cancer among SU students and alumni were neither unusual for the population being studied, nor could they be linked to a common factor. Additionally, he cited no environmental risk factors for the instances of these cancers.

### **Private Environmental Health Expert Review**

- An environmental health scientist with more than 30 years experience in the impact of environmental chemicals on human health found no evidence to suggest that exposure to environmental chemicals caused the cancers that were in question

### **Statistical Data**

More data on rates of cancer and its causes can be found at these links:  
American Cancer Society:

<http://www.cancer.org/downloads/stt/CFF2007ProbDevellnvCancer.pdf>

National Cancer Institute's SEER Program: <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/>.

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We encourage you to share this information with others who may have questions about the environment in the Susquehanna Valley region.

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