



## DEP Issues Comment and Response Document on Selinsgrove Environmental Assessment

WILLIAMSPORT (June 15) -- The Department of Environmental Protection today issued its comment and response document to citizens' questions about the environmental assessment conducted earlier this year in and around Susquehanna University and the former Rhoads Mill in Selinsgrove, Snyder County.

The assessment started in response to newspaper reports suggesting a link between environmental contamination and cancer incidences among borough residents and college students who have been associated with an off-campus housing building known as the "Warehouse."

Much of the testing focused on the area near the old Rhoads Mill, a former agricultural feed mill where DEP supervised the cleanup of leaking underground fuel tanks and contaminated soil prior to 2005.

DEP issued its final report on May 8 that concluded there was no evidence of any environmental contamination that would pose a health risk. The agency accepted public comments about the report until May 21.

DEP has shared all of its technical information with the state Department of Health, which is continuing its analysis of cancer incidence among students and alumni previously enrolled at Susquehanna University over a 20-year period. Findings related to cancer incidence will be released by the Department of Health when the analysis is completed.

The comment and response document, final report and all sample results are posted on the DEP regional office Web site at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us). Click on "Northcentral," then "Community Involvement" and "Selinsgrove Results."