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On August 17, 2009, an air study was conducted on behalf of the town of DISH, TX by Wolf-Eagle Environmental Engineers and Consultants. This study was performed after numerous complaints from the citizens of foul smells being emitted around a natural gas compressor sites located in and around the town of DISH. The study measured 7 sites which monitoring canisters were placed around resident's properties.

The air study concluded that the "air analysis performed in DISH confirmed the presence in high concentrations of carcinogenic and neurotoxin compounds in ambient air near and/or on residential properties." There were many chemicals found that exceeded the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's (TECQ) Short and Long Term (ESL) Effects Screening Levels. The study also stated that "the Town of Dish has virtually no heavy industry other than the compression stations" and that "there is no other facility with the capability to produce the volume of air toxins present within miles of the town."

Several of the chemicals found to be over TECQs ESLs include but are not limited to Benzene, Xylene, Carbon Disulfide, and Naphthalene. The short and long term effects of exposure to these chemicals has frightened many residents and prompted them to get tested for toxins. Some of the residents tested positive for several of the chemicals that are listed in Wolf Eagle Environmental's Final Report. The Town of Dish realizes that we are not the only Town that these sites effect, and we would like to inform people of the situation at hand. The Town plans on conducting further air quality testing in order to find out what, if anything has been done about these high levels of toxins being emitted into our community.

If you would like more information on this matter visit our website at www.townofdish.com. You can find the Air Study final report along with an Ambient Air Monitoring Analysis on our home page. If you have any questions or would like to speak with someone on this pressing issue feel free to contact me at 940-453-3640 or email townofdish@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,


Calvin Tillman, Mayor of Dish