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Dear Resident:

This letter is to introduce you to the Chemical Hazards Program (CHP) and to invite you to work with us to address concerns you may have about your health and potential environmental exposures. CHP is a part of the Environmental Health Section of the Georgia Division of Public Health. Our agency collaborates with local and federal agencies, health care providers, and communities. Enclosed is a brochure describing general CHP activities.

CHP would like to gather questions and concerns you have and suggestions for future public health activities in your community. We plan to visit your community this fall to speak with you directly. Enclosed are a survey and a return, self-addressed stamped envelope. Please complete the survey and return it to us by October 31st. We will review the completed surveys and report back to you a summary of the results. Any reports created by CHP from the surveys will not contain any personal identifiers, but grouped information only. Additional copies of the survey have been delivered to the New Grove Baptist Church.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Chemical Hazards Program

c: New Grove Baptist Church

Enclosures

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY
Pittard Road Cancer Cluster Investigation
Clarke County, Georgia

Name: _____

Address: _____

The Georgia Division of Public Health (GDPH) is working with residents living in the Pittard Road Community to identify their environmental health education needs. This survey is designed to aid the DPH with identifying these needs, and to develop education programs to meet those needs.

GOAL: The goal of this needs assessment survey is to determine residents' general knowledge about their neighborhood, provide information about cancer, and discuss health and lifestyle behaviors.

OBJECTIVES: The three objectives of this needs assessment survey are:

1. To achieve a 40% return of surveys distributed to residents in the Pittard Road community during October 2005.
2. To analyze and report all survey data during Fall 2005.
3. To develop and carry out a health education program that is based on survey results starting in January 2006.

BACKGROUND: In 2003, the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry conducted a cancer cluster investigation. Private well water at several homes in the Pittard Road Community was analyzed for environmental contamination. In addition, radon levels in homes were tested. Results indicated that there were no elevated levels of contaminants in groundwater or radon in indoor air.

SUMMARY: In October 2005, residents of the Pittard Road Community were invited to participate in this survey. Participation is voluntary and is offered at no cost to residents. The GDPH will analyze the results of the survey to help determine which health education activities will best serve the community. The results of this survey are expected to be available to residents in January 2006.

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT: THE GDPH WILL USE THESE RESULTS TO ESTABLISH SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION. ANY REPORTS CREATED BY THE GDPH FROM THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL NOT CONTAIN ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS SUCH AS NAME OR ADDRESS. THESE REPORTS WILL CONTAIN GROUPED INFORMATION ONLY.

THIS SURVEY MAY BE COPIED, OR FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES, CONTACT:

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INSTRUCTIONS - A survey is to be completed for each individual adult resident aged 18 and older. You can refuse to answer any question, but please answer all questions you choose to answer as truthfully and completely as possible.

When you are finished filling out the survey, please mail or fax the completed survey to the address or fax number on the first page.

To begin, some questions about you.

1.1 Have you received information from any Georgia agency about cancer?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused to Answer/Don't Know

If Yes, please describe. _____

1.2 Have you ever been tested for cancer?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused to Answer/Don't Know

1.3 Are you aware that free breast cancer screening is available in your area?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused to Answer/Don't Know

1.4 Have you ever seen the video from the Georgia Division of Public Health about cancer called, *An Important Conversation: Georgia Speaks?*

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused to Answer/Don't Know

1.5 Do you think the video is an effective tool in raising awareness about cancer screening?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused to Answer/Don't Know

General reaction and/or comments about video: _____

1.6 Please describe any specific health concerns you have at this time? _____

1.7 In your opinion, what are the best ways to get information to the public regarding pollution in our environment?

a. Fact sheets delivered to your home	d. Local community events
b. Newspaper ads/articles	e. Church
c. Your doctor or preferred health care professional	f. Internet
g. Refused to Answer/ Don't Know	
h. Other: _____	