



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Citizen:

This letter is addressed to people who are interested in the Capitol City Plume (CCP) site in Montgomery, Alabama. As you know, the CCP site is an area of contaminated groundwater under a small part of downtown Montgomery. For your reference, we have provided a [news article](#) with a map showing the area being investigated. Also, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a brief description of the site and a newsletter available at <http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/npl/nplal/caplumal.htm>. Other agencies that have been involved in the protection of drinking water supplies and environmental investigations are the Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

The Alabama Department of Public Health is evaluating the site from a health perspective. We evaluate the results of environmental sampling data, plus input and concerns from the public. Our focus is whether the public could come in contact with the contaminants. All the information we have indicates that there is no public contact with contaminants. When our evaluation is complete, we report our conclusions and any recommendations to the public and other agencies. More information about this process is available at www.alapubhealth.org/risk/phap.htm.

To collect public input and concerns, we have provided a [community survey](#) by mail and online. If you would like to contribute input, please submit a completed survey by April 23, 2001. If you know of others who would like to reply, please share this opportunity.

If you have questions, please call me at 334-206-5973, or use our [feedback](#) page.

Sincerely,

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Community Survey

Capitol City Plume, Montgomery, Alabama

Please submit the survey by April 23, 2001. Answers will be used to complete the public health assessment, record existing health concerns, and plan environmental health education. Completing the survey should take 5 minutes or less.

Part I: Knowledge of the site (check one answer for each question)

Approximately when did you first learn about the contamination?

- 1990 - 1994 1995 - 1999 2000 - present

How did you first find out about it?

- Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board
 Alabama Department of Environmental Management
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 City of Montgomery
 News media
 Alabama Department of Public Health
 Other:

How would you describe your level of knowledge about the contamination?

- Excellent
 Very good
 Fair
 Poor
 Very Poor

Part II: Living or working in the area of the plume

We have already received some questions or concerns about living and working within the plume investigation area. Answer these questions to tell us if you have concerns.

What is your connection to the plume investigation area: (check all that apply)

- Live in the area
 Work in the area
 Other:

Do you have questions or concerns about the following? (check all that apply)

- Private water wells
 Building foundations and basements
 Public drinking water supply
 Other:

List your questions or describe your concerns: _____

Do you believe the contamination could affect public health?

Yes No

If yes, describe specific health concerns: _____

Part III: To receive public health information

If you want more information about any of the following topics, check all that apply.

Description of contamination

Potential for human exposure and actions to protect public health

Progress of public health activities

How to get more information about _____

Other: _____

How would you prefer to receive public health information? (check all that apply)

News media

E-mail

U.S. Mail

Alabama Department of Public Health web site

Other: _____

What reading level is best for you? (check one)

Less than 8th grade

High school graduate

8th grade - 12 grade

Other: _____

Would you like to comment on the draft public health assessment for the Capitol City Plume site?

Yes No

Contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail: _____

Thank you for your time and assistance.