

Chairman Ed Albright, BBWA  
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House State Government Committee  
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**Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.**

**My name is Ed Albright and I am chairman of the Bloomfield Borough Water Authority in Perry County, which serves about 11-hundred customers from four wells.**

**I want to thank the committee for allowing me to provide you with testimony about the authority's experience with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. That experience has been frustrating and expensive, to say the least.**

**Our dealings with SRBC concern two of our existing wells and a new one that is under construction.**

**In January 2009 we contacted SRBC by email about wells #1 and #2 at Perry Village, requesting a groundwater withdraw application. We didn't hear back from them until December 2014, nearly six years later.**

**In December 2015 the consent order was signed for the two wells.**

**In February of this year, we received a letter from SRBC approving the revised schedule for Well #2.**

**In April, a waiver application was submitted to SRBC with a fee of \$3,832. The cost to the authority for preparing the application was \$21,482.**

**If the waiver for Well #2 is approved, we will need to submit another application for a fee of \$4,622. We should know by this fall if the waiver is approved.**

**Now, as for Well #3, the work on it began in November 2010 with the drilling of a test well.**

**In July 2012, we re-drilled for a production well.**

**In March 2014, the pump test plan was submitted for Well #3 to SRBC and we were told approval would come within six months.**

**However, it actually took a year for the pump test plan to be approved.**

**In May 2015, the step-down test took place to determine the sustainable yield. Then, in July of that year, we completed the pump test.**

**In December 2015, the pump test data was submitted to SRBC using an online application.**

**Then, in September 2016, SRBC approved the application for Well #3.**

**Our total cost of Well #3 to date is \$200,000.**

**We hope to have Well #3 on line soon to provide for the future water needs of the Bloomfield community.**

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**That concludes my remarks. I am now happy to answer any questions from the committee.**