



## DEP Seeks More Volunteers For Slurry Study

CHARLESTON, W.Va., August 17, 2011/The Associated Press/ – The Department of Environmental Protection is reaching out to Boone County residents who want their wells tested for a study of whether mining is to blame for bad water.

Triad Engineering will finish sampling in September. An attorney for Seth and Prenter residents who are suing over fouled wells complained last week that its sample size was too small.

Triad has taken about 40 samples as it tries to determine whether mining activities including coal slurry injection are to blame for contamination. A previous DEP study found no link.

Triad is expected to submit a report by year's end.

The study area includes homes along Hopkins Fork of Big Coal River and tributaries of Hopkins Fork.

Volunteers should call John Meeks at Triad Engineering at (304) 755-0721.