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Dear Sirs:

In response to your complaint of a violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act we feel we have not endangered ourselves or others by washing a vehicle by hand with a garden hose before painting it as we do not have any chemicals or contaminants in our workplace.

We have operated our business since 1974 and there is nothing but well water that runs in the floor drain and maybe a little mud from a vehicle. If a vehicle is really muddy, we will pressure wash it downtown at the car wash before it goes in the paint room.

We would like to stress to you that work producing brake dust or engine combustion repair is not performed in our facility.

Our well is just 40 feet from our drain and we would never intentionally pollute that water. I have dug about 1½ feet down with a shovel and it is all grey dry dirt. It is 180 feet down to water, but you have 0 to 40 feet of clay on the top layer with the second layer being 80 feet and the third layer being 120 feet of hard clay.

So in closing, we know that there is no way by washing a vehicle by hand with a 2" drain that it will reach our water supply at 180 feet.

Please also note that all three of our floor drains have been closed permanently.

Sincerely yours,

GARY'S AUTO BODY