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Oral Statement of George Watson**

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Hello my name is George Watson, my address is Waynesburg, PA 15370, Center Township.

In November 2005 I lost my voice. I was diagnosed with Larynx cancer. I went through seven surgeries in less than two years. I will do follow up procedures for the rest of my life.

In September 2007 I just moved into our new home on our 200 acre farm. Two months later, the water turned "bad" in both my new home and my rental house. I've had to install Culligan systems in both homes at a cost of \$8,500.00. Since then I've spent in excess of \$20,000.00 and my water is still bad. I live 1/2 mile from West Greene High School and the Water Authority told me the only way I'll get city water would be if the coal company or gas company would have to run city water to my house. They told me it would cost about \$500,000.00 to run city water. And now it looks like there are problems with city water different places.

in December 2008, I came home one day and found a dead cow by the creek. The creek runs through the middle of my farm. In the next three months I lost 17 bred cows and 4 heifers. My veterinarian, Vicki Soles, from Springhill Animal Clinic did several tests on the dead cows and could not find the cause of death.

In 2012, Robert Allan Shipman of New Freeport, former owner of Allan's Waste Water Service Inc., entered an open GUILTY plea in Greene County Court to 13 counts stemming from a 2 year investigation the he illegally dumped millions of gallons of wastewater from natural gas drilling, sewage sludge and restaurant grease into streams and mine shafts in a six county area. His business was located past my farm and his trucks travelled past my homes and farm every day 24/7 many. (I believe this tells it all.)

Thank You.