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MADIGAN ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER TO MONROE COUNTY VILLAGE

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced a settlement with a Monroe County village that will ensure residents have access to safe drinking water.

Madigan's office filed a consent order in Monroe County Circuit Court with the village of Maeystown, Ill. Tests of the village's public drinking water showed elevated levels of nitrate above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limit of 10 milligrams per liter for drinking water. Nitrate is found in fertilizer and exposure, particularly among pregnant women and infants, can cause serious health problems. The village has been supplying bottled water to households with pregnant women and children under six months old.

Madigan's consent order ensures that Maeystown residents who receive water from the village's public water supply will have a permanent source of safe drinking water from the Fountain Water District, which also supplies drinking water to neighboring communities.

"This settlement ensures that Maeystown moves forward with a permanent solution to provide residents with safe drinking water," Madigan said.

Under the consent order, Maeystown officials will be required to connect to Fountain's public water supply. The order specifies that construction on the project should begin no later than June 1, 2017, and that the connection shall be fully operational no later than Sept. 1, 2017. During the interim, the village will be responsible for continuing to supply bottled water to households with pregnant women or children under six months old.

Assistant Attorney General Andrew Suthard handled the case for Madigan's Environmental Enforcement Bureau.

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