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Critique of community  
briefings by West Virginia DEP

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>> | **EWG Letter to West Virginia DEP**

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>> | **EWG Policy Memo**

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This letter was sent to EWG by the Little Hocking Water Association (LHWA) in Ohio. They are across the river from the Washington, W. Va. DuPont Teflon plant and have found C-8 in their water supply.

Environmental Working Group:

I want to thank you for your letter to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection regarding the contamination of drinking water by C-8.

Unfortunately, West Virginia drinking water supplies are not the only ones affected by the C-8 contamination. Studies have shown that drinking water supplies in Ohio are affected as well. C-8 has been detected in Ohio water supplies as far as 15 miles downstream from where DuPont discharges into the Ohio River.

I am general manager of the Little Hocking Water Association (LHWA). Our drinking water supply for the LHWA is from wells located directly across the river from DuPont's Washington Works plant. The prevailing wind is from the west directly toward our wellfield.

C-8 levels detected in our wellfield far exceed any found in the West Virginia drinking water supplies. C-8 has been detected in all of our production wells, the highest being over 8.0 ppb (we are currently not using this well). Additional borings were done in our wellfield in August of this year. A test sample boring yielded a C-8 level of 78.0 ppb.

Obviously, we are concerned about the C-8 contamination of our drinking water supply. Tests have shown C-8 levels of about 2.0 ppb in our water distribution system.

We have a website that we use to get information to our customers — [www.littlehockingwater.org](http://www.littlehockingwater.org)

Again, thank you for your concern and critique of the WVDEP CATT report.

Sincerely,  
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