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Ground Water Contamination

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Groundwater (well water) is used for drinking water and irrigation, and is susceptible to pollutants that can cause various injuries and illnesses when ingested.

Various chemicals can contaminate the ground aquifer, eventually ending up in ground well water. Thus, individuals who rely on well water may suffer toxic exposure to chemicals through ingestion (drinking the water), skin contact (bathing with the water) and inhalation (breathing steam from the water) if their ground aquifer is contaminated.

Groundwater can also become contaminated when hazardous materials leach from contaminated soil into the water source. Pesticides, fertilizers and other toxic substances may seep into groundwater, making it unsafe to use.

Groundwater contamination often occurs when a business or other entity fails to comply with federal laws or when an entity is negligent about the dangerous chemicals and substances that their operation is depositing into soil, water or air.

Breathing, ingesting, or otherwise coming into contact with contaminated groundwater can result in a number of different injuries and illnesses. Symptoms of groundwater contamination may include nausea/vomiting, headaches, eye irritation and nose irritation. More serious, chronic illnesses include:

- Various types of cancer
- Kidney damage
- Anemia
- Bone disease
- Reproductive difficulties
- Liver damage
- Nervous system damage

If you have been exposed to environmental hazards due to contaminated groundwater and have experienced any of the above symptoms or illnesses, you could be eligible to file a claim. Schedule a free consultation or phone a member of the Wilentz team today.

To speak with an attorney about your legal options, please call: 732-493-1000.