



Mayor's Office City of Peru



January 13, 2023

RE: SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

Dear citizens of Peru:

I make this statement to address the concerns expressed during the January 9th City Council meeting and the questions surrounding the testing being conducted by Schneider Electric.

Based on the information provided to the City, Schneider Electric began testing the old factory for potential environmental issues in 2022. In doing so, Schneider is required to report to the Indiana State Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). In testing, Schneider found the presence of trichloroethene (TCE) underneath their facilities. This was reported to the City in June of 2022 as part of Schneider's enrollment in the voluntary remediation program through IDEM.

Schneider has continued to test on the east and south sides of their facilities; only recently has the City been made aware that Schneider intended to test or was planning to test inside of the surrounding residences. If you have questions about this process, you can contact my office, Schneider Electric's environmentalist, Duane Wanty, (508) 549-6004, or IDEM. IDEM is the state's regulatory authority, and if you would like to contact them, the project manager for this remediation is Chelsea Day, (317) 232-8517 or (800) 451-6027.

I am deeply concerned for the citizens of Peru and the residents who live in this area. The property owners who are going through this do not deserve these intrusions, burdens, and fears; and deserve answers and information.

My office and the City of Peru will demand answers from Schneider and IDEM. As this situation is fluid and constantly evolving and when we gain new information, we will provide the same to the City's web page and on our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

/s/ Miles W. Hewitt

Mayor Miles Hewitt
City of Peru