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Hello,

In regards to today's discussion, here are the highlights:

1. Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning effort is interested in looking at community water, particularly in light of recent property development as well as area arsenic levels. The area has had a functioning community sewer district for 35 years, so community water would not be a stretch.
2. Source water protection would be a great idea to incorporate into such a planning effort. There are currently not many examples of communities coming together to address them in this way, though.
3. Tying source water protection to the creation of a community water system in Amsterdam/Churchill would not require much additional information or "hurdles." Just summarize efforts and submit to DEQ.
4. As far as arsenic is concerned, a properly created community system may be a long-term solution to the water quality of the area, but it would be a plumbing nightmare.
5. Manhattan Christian must have its proposed compliance plan together by Jan. '09 and it will be a challenge to achieve this requirement. The proposal will most likely be to drill a shallower well?
6. IOC data, as well as sampling from current community systems, may be helpful in determining how widespread this problem is and also may help get more support for a community system.
7. DEQ would most likely honor a community-wide plan for compliance, in lieu of one from only Manhattan Christian. This would be worth considering if it can be made clear that most people are going to be effected by arsenic levels.
8. Carolyn will collect IOC and other water quality data and forward it to Warren.

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Let me know if I missed anything.

Cheers,

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