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Some time after Nov 15, a private business on the corner of W. Elm and Carlisle St experienced a loss of gasoline from their underground storage tanks. The gasoline has saturated the ground and an undetermined amount has entered the sanitary sewer system. The Department of Environmental Protection and York County Emergency Management has responded, and we have been assured there is no threat to the general public. If you are experiencing an intrusion of petroleum vapors into indoor building spaces, ventilate the affected space by opening more than one window in the basement and pour water down drains and sump pumps to ensure that drain traps are full. Ensure that you plug basement drains, deep sinks, or old drains that appliances were once connected to. There is no concern that gasoline has entered the water system. Your water is safe to drink. To help mitigate petroleum vapors, we have flushed the sanitary sewer line in the area. The sewer and water departments are monitoring the situation by metering and physical testing. However, you may experience residual petroleum vapors due to the fact that the ground has been saturated with lost fuel. This may be more evident during periods of rain. It may take 2 to 3 weeks before the potential for petroleum vapors subsides. If you have concerns, please contact the Wirt Park Fire Station at 637-6671 and one of our firefighters will inspect the property for you.