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Survey Instrument

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1. Birth Month

Birth Year

2. What is your address?

Street

City

ZIP code

3. I identify my gender as:

- A. Male
- B. Female
- C. Other

4. I identify my ethnicity or ancestry as (Circle ALL that apply):

- A. American Indian or Alaska Native
- B. Asian
- C. Black or African
- D. Hispanic or Latino
- E. Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islander
- F. White or European
- G. Other (please write in)

- 5. Indicate the highest level of education that you have completed: (Circle 1 / ONE)**
- A. Less than a High School Diploma
 - B. High School Diploma (or High School Equivalence Certificate)
 - C. Post-Secondary Certificate (Vocational or Technical Certificate)
 - D. Some College Courses or Associate's Degree
 - E. Bachelor's Degree
 - F. Graduate Degree (Master's or Doctorate)
- 6. Indicate the income, before taxes, from all household members during the past 12 months: (Circle 1 / ONE)**
- A. Less than \$20,000
 - B. \$20,000 to \$49,999
 - C. \$50,000 to \$74,000
 - D. \$75,000 to more
- 7. Did you participate in the study by wearing a temperature monitor last summer? (Circle 1 / ONE)**
- A. Yes
 - B. No
- 8. In general, would you say that your health is: (Circle 1 / ONE)**
- A. Excellent
 - B. Good
 - C. Fair
 - D. Poor

9. Have you participated in focus groups or table discussions about access to and quality of drinking water as well as wastewater issues (relating to sewage and septic) with these organizers in the past 2 years? (Circle 1 / ONE)

A. Yes

B. No

10. How long have you lived in this community?

A. 0-5 years

B. 6-15 years

C. More than 15 years

**PLEASE STOP. WAIT FOR A
PRESENTATION ON THE RESULTS OF
PREVIOUS FOCUS GROUPS.**

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO SEE IF YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS FOCUS GROUP RESPONSES ON WATER ACCESS AND QUALITY. WE WILL GO THROUGH EACH ONE TOGETHER.

11. Several issues relating to drinking water and waste water have been brought up as issues in this community.

Of these 3, what 1/one issue is MOST important to you?

- A. Access to drinking water
- B. Quality of the drinking water
- C. Access to wastewater treatment (e.g. hookup to municipal sewage line or community or private septic system)

12. I'm concerned about *access* and *quality* of the drinking water and wastewater treatment issues because: (Circle your 1/ ONE top reason)

- A. Taste, color, and smell are concerning.
- B. Digging wells is too expensive
- C. Installing private septic systems is too expensive
- D. It's discoloring our clothing and corroding our sinks.
- E. Other (please write in):

13. Who do you think is MOST responsible for giving people access to drinking water in their homes: (Circle your 1/ ONE top choice)

- A. Homeowners
- B. Local Government like the County Commissioners
- C. State Government
- D. Federal Government
- E. Private Entities like the Water Company
- F. Health Department or Extension Service
- G. Water Board or Water Authority
- H. Other (please write in):

14. Who do you think is MOST responsible for ensuring quality of the drinking water in their homes: (Circle your 1/ ONE top choice)

- A. Homeowners
- B. Local Government like the County Commissioners
- C. State Government
- D. Federal Government
- E. Private Entities like the Water Company
- F. Health Department and/or Extension Service
- G. Water Board or Water Authority
- H. Other (please write in):

15. What I can do personally to ensure my drinking water is safe: (Circle 1/ ONE top choice)

- A. Read the annual statement from the water company on quality
- B. Go to Water Board meetings and County Commissioner Meetings
- C. Drive others to meetings
- D. Talk to my community at church to be united on the issue
- E. Other (please write in):

16. What I'd like to see community leaders do to address the water issues: (Circle 1/ ONE top choice)

- A. Hold a local meeting for the community to be more informed and united
- B. Circulate a petition
- C. Bring media attention to the issue
- D. Focus on getting young people involved
- E. Write grant proposals for money to either fix the problem or get money to incentivize more people to participate in the process
- E. Start a Riverkeeper
- F. Other (please write in):

**17. What I'd like to see state and local governing officials do:
(Circle TWO top priorities)**

- A. Put more resources towards water lines, wells, and waste water treatment
- B. Communicate where current resources are going
- C. Seek assistance from other nearby communities to share resources
- D. Set aside differences and come to an agreement on a specific plan
- E. Have independent people test the water and communicate the results
- F. Cancer Cluster Study to see if people in this area have more cancer than other areas
- G. Evaluate whether the pipes are safe or need to be replaced
- H. Other (please write in):

18. In the previous focus group, participants felt that state and local resources are not fairly distributed to address environmental health problems.

Do you agree that state and local resources are not distributed fairly to communities to address environmental health problems? (Circle ONE)

- A. Yes
- B. No

19. If you answered yes to #17, why do you think that is? (Circle 1/ ONE)

- A. Resources go to people who are more organized
- B. Resources go to the community with the most people
- C. Resources go to the community that is the loudest
- D. Resources go to people who have more money
- E. Resources go to people of a different skin color
- F. Lack of leadership at a community level
- G. Lack of pride at a community level
- H. Other (please write in):

**PLEASE STOP TO HEAR FROM ABOUT THE
CURRENT PROGRESS ON DRINKING
WATER AND WASTE WATER ISSUES IN
YOUR COMMUNITY**

WE WILL GO THROUGH EACH QUESTION TOGETHER.

20. What 1/one specific thing would you most like to see besides progress on the drinking water and wastewater issues? (Circle 1/ ONE)

- A. More animal control
- B. An informative program for understanding healthcare options and process
- C. A community program for kids
- D. More police presence
- E. Bright streetlights, roadside signs, and State Highway Department to prevent and cleanup the dumping
- F. Other (please write in):

21. How would you like to see progress in your community?

- A. Presentations from community leaders at County Commission meetings
- B. Newsletter mailed to your homes
- C. Other (please write in):

22. What sources of information do you trust?

(Circle the top 2/ TWO you most often use)

- A. Radio
- B. TV
- C. Newspaper
- D. Internet (including Facebook)
- E. Neighbors
- F. Phone calls or conversations with community leaders
- G. State and local leaders
- H. Health Department
- I. County Commission meetings
- J. Monthly Water Board meetings
- K. Statements mailed from the water company
- L. Other (please write in):

23. What sources of information do you NOT trust or use?

(Circle ALL that apply)

- A. Radio
- B. TV
- C. Newspaper
- D. Internet (including Facebook)
- E. Neighbors
- F. Community Leaders
- G. State and Local Leaders
- H. Health Department
- I. County Commission meetings
- J. Monthly Water Board meetings
- K. Statements mailed from the water company
- L. Other (please write in):

24. Are drinking water and wastewater issues your most important 1/ ONE environmental health priority for your community?

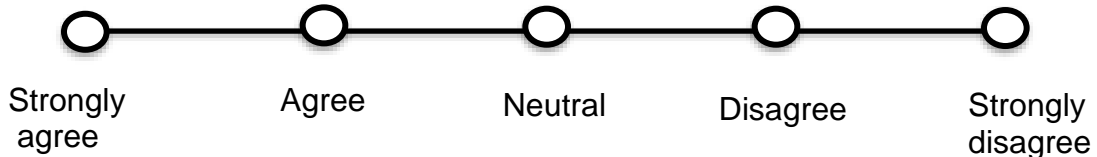
- A. Yes
- B. No

25. If no to #23, what is your most important 1/one environmental health priority for your community? (Please write in)

26. Did you find the presentations today informative?

- A. Yes
- B. No

27. Do you think that the organizers of today's event (the ENACT group) engage with your community as much as they should? (Mark 1/ ONE)



28. In your opinion, what could the organizers of today's event (the ENACT group) do to improve to engagement in the community?

29. In what ways do you think the organizers of today's event should be more involved in the community?

30. How could you as a resident use more support to help your community?

31. What kinds of support from the organizers today and others would help you and your community address environmental health problems?

32. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!