



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

December 11, 2008

Subject: Private Well Strategy
Water Quality Testing

Dear Health Officer:

The Department of Environmental Services ("DES") is writing to ask for your support in placing the attached advertisement in your 2009 Town Report and on your town's web site.

DES continues to alert all citizens to the importance of having a comprehensive water quality test done on their private wells. Radioactivity and Arsenic, in particular, are still common NH well contaminants that have not been tested for in private wells.

The advertisement is attached and you may arrange the information to suit the space available.

We ask that you contact the correct town official in charge of preparing the report and try to ensure that this information is included. Please update us by telephone or email as to whether or not you were successful.

We have paper copies of the "Protect Your Family..." brochures in English and Spanish versions available upon request. These could be placed at various town buildings. Please contact me for copies. Please post the attached advertisement in your town buildings.

Please call me with any questions at 271-2952 or by email at bernard.lucey@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

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