



Private Water Systems Program Update

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*Residential Water and Sewage Program
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Private Water Program

- Staff changes
- 5 year rule revision process
- Water Well Interpretation Tool
- CDC Private Water Systems Grant
- Development of the EH DSI module for private water
- Senate Bill 179



Staff Changes and additions

- Winnie Miller – contractor registrations and transmittals
- New Sanitarian Program Specialist starting in April (to replace Steve Schmidt)
- Feng Zhang – student intern (CDC project)
- Data entry operator (CDC project)



Private Water Systems Rules

- It's time to start the 5 year rule revision process
- Rule revisions due April 1, 2016.
- Outreach to groups for participation – identify members for advisory group
 - AOHC
 - OEHA
 - Ohio Water Well Association
 - Ohio Water Quality Association
 - Ohio EPA, ODNR, Commerce/Board of Building Standards, ODA
- Summer 2014 – begin advisory group review, monthly meetings/regional meetings to obtain comments and input



Well Water Interpretation Tool

- Joint development with OSU Extension and Ohio EPA – funded by grant from Ohio Water Development Authority
- Tool was developed based on similar tools in other states and information from “experts”
- Web based tool hosted on the OSU Watershed website
- Part of website for well owners in Ohio
- Released as part of National Groundwater Awareness Week (March 9-15)





Know Your Well Water

**TEST
UNDERSTAND
PROTECT**



Know Your Well Water: Test, Understand and Protect

Wondering if your well water is safe? A good first step is to have your water tested at a certified lab, but lab test results are not always easy to interpret. That's why OSU Extension has created a website to help drinking water well owners understand their lab test results. You will also find information on well maintenance, what to do if your well water is contaminated and who to contact for assistance.

ohiowatersheds.osu.edu/ Click: [Know Your Well Water](#)

For more information about testing and protecting your well water, contact your county extension office or county health district.

This website has been developed in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Well Association.

Postcard for
distribution to
well owners



CDC Private Water Systems Grant

Improving Ohio's state and local capacity to assess and manage risks associated with private water systems by using the EHS-Net and other data tools.



Environmental Health DSI Program

- Development of private water systems module
- Requirements affirmation
- Review of existing Healthspace module and initial review/discussion of requirements
- Establishment of local health district test/advisory group



Senate Bill 179

- Modifies definition of private water system to add “recycled water” as a source for private water systems
- Requires the Director to define water sources including “recycled water”
- Passed out of Senate, under consideration in the House of Representatives



Today

- Water Recycling Technology – Tangent
- CDC Water Quality Grant
- Developing Potentiometric Maps in Ohio
- Drilling Wells Under Flowing (Artesian) Conditions
- Reading and Understanding Well Logs

