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Private Well Water Testing After the Flood

Health Department offers free water testing for private wells

After the floodwaters recede households who have a private well as their drinking water source are encouraged to have the water tested. Private wells that have been compromised by the floodwater have a greater risk of being contaminated with E.coli and other forms of bacteria that can cause health risks. If you live in area that has been in the mandatory evacuation zone or have experienced high floodwaters, or near your property, then you should have your water tested.

The Taney County Health Department will offer one free private drinking water test per household that may have been impacted by the floodwaters in Taney County. The Health Department only tests for Coliforms and E.coli bacteria. Coliforms are a family of bacteria that E.coli belong to and are indicators of contaminated water due to exposure to fecal matter.

“At this time the health department has not been notified of any boil orders issued by DNR,” said Laura Jahn, Environmental Division Supervisor, “We want to provide peace of mind for individuals who have been impacted by the floodwaters and assure they have safe drinking water.”

Water sample kits may be picked up at either of the Taney County Health Department location, Branson at 320 Rinehart Road and Forsyth at 15479 State Hwy. 160. The samples must be returned the same day as they are taken; Monday –Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. No samples will be accepted on Friday. For more information, please visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org or call the Environmental Division at (417) 334-4544 ext. 247.