



Private well?

When was the last time you had your well water sampled?

It's recommended that residents in Pennsylvania with a private well have their well water sampled every 3-5 years for a variety of chemical compounds, including Volatile Organic Compounds or VOCs. In having a VOC screening, your well will be sampled for levels of Trichloroethylene (TCE) and Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), contamination unfortunately found in groundwater in areas of this region.

Since private water supplies are unregulated, this sampling is something to be done by the property owner at their own expense, to ensure the water their families are using is safe to drink.

Because these water supplies are unregulated, you do not have to use a certified lab to complete this testing. You have the option of using any local water testing company (many of which can be found in your area phone book).

If contamination is found, the water testing company can work with the property owner to install whole-house carbon filtration, or arrange to resample on a more frequent basis (at least once a year is recommended for low level contamination). You should also contact your local County Health Department to advise of any contamination noted in the sample results.

If you have questions, feel free to contact DEP Community Relations Coordinator Lynda Rebarchak at 484-250-5820 or by email at Lrebarchak@state.pa.us.