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ALERT ON ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS IN SEYMOUR REGARDING PRIVATE WELL WATER

[Seymour, CT]

Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) has been made aware of letters being mailed, delivered to residences in certain Seymour neighborhoods, or circulating on social media with allegations of possible contaminated private well water. The letters are signed by an anonymous citizen. Letters may have been received in July or October 2024. We understand that receiving unmarked letters with serious allegations can be alarming and cause concern or panic.

As of today, NVHD has not received any evidence or basis to support the allegations made in these letters.

NVHD enforces a Private Well Code. The purpose of this code is to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the NVHD and to assist in the enforcement of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut (CT PHC) by establishing standards for the construction and testing of private drinking water wells in the NVHD.

If private well water was found to be contaminated, NVHD would work in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), and the local municipality to reach out and inform residents of private well contamination, education about the contaminant, and guidance on testing, as appropriate.

Owners with private wells and semipublic wells are responsible for the quality of their water and are generally not required to test. However, regular testing and good practices to prevent contamination can help ensure that your well supplies you and your family with good quality drinking water. We have compiled a list of resources that residents may find helpful on the next page.

Please contact the Naugatuck Valley Health District if you have any questions regarding your private well. Questions may be directed to NVHD's Chief Environmental Health Specialist, Laurel Shaw, MPH, RS at 203-881-3255 extension 115.

RESOURCES ON PRIVATE WELLS

② **How Can I Find Out if There is a Problem with My Drinking Water?**

The best way is to have your well water tested by a state-certified water testing lab. Lists of approved laboratories are available on the CT Department of Public Health (DPH) Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP) webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/environmental-health/environmental-laboratory-certification/environmental-laboratory-certification>.

② **Where Can I Find Out More Information About Testing Recommendations for Private Wells?**

Visit the CT DPH webpage for educational materials and testing recommendations, including a table of recommended tests, frequency, and reasoning: <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/environmental-health/private-well-water-program/private-well-testing>

② **How Can I Find Out Information About Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites in CT?**

The CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) uses Connecticut Open Data to update a weekly dashboard of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites available online: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/remediation--site-clean-up/list-of-contaminated-or-potentially-contaminated-sites-in-connecticut>

② **How Can I View Documents Related to Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites in CT?**

The DEEP Document Online Search Portal, <https://filings.deep.ct.gov/DEEPDocumentSearchPortal/>, contains a collection of documents electronically produced or digitally scanned by DEEP. The portal is searchable by a variety of fields, including by Town and Street Address (Street Name).

- For technical assistance using the DEEP Document Online Search Portal, contact Deep.helpdesk.footprints@ct.gov or call the DEEP Help Desk at 860-424-3882.
- For questions regarding a particular site and/or the documents that display in your search results, contact the appropriate DEEP Program Office (<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/about/contact-us/general-contact-information>).

② **How Can I View Public Health Codes Related to Private Well Water?**

NVHD's Private Well Code and the State of Connecticut Private Well Regulations are linked on NVHD's webpage: <https://www.nvhd.org/environmental-health/>.

② **Who Should I Contact If I Have More Questions About My Private Well Water?**

NVHD: Chief Environmental Health Specialist, Laurel Shaw, MPH, RS at 203-881-3255 extension 115.
CT DPH Private Well Program: 860-509-8401 or email DPH.PrivateWellProgram@ct.gov
CT DEEP General Information: 860-424-3000 or email DEEP.Webmaster@ct.gov

