



# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA to Conduct Survey of Residential Drinking Water Wells

Dimock, Susquehanna County, PA



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

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## **Dimock Residential Well Survey**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to gather information about private drinking water wells in the Carter Road/ Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock.

Starting December 29, 2011, EPA staff will be in the neighborhood to survey residents to begin filling information gaps about their drinking water and to ask residents to complete a well survey.

EPA will use the information to determine what, if any, next steps are needed. Next steps being considered could include taking some samples from private drinking water wells.

## **Why Is EPA Doing This Now?**

Earlier data reviewed by EPA in November 2011 indicated that private well water posed no immediate health risks. However, EPA has recently received additional Cabot data from residents that merit further investigation. Based on this new information, EPA is concerned about:

- Potential gaps in sampling and sample results;
- The number of drinking wells potentially impacted;
- If residents have access to treatment systems or alternate sources of drinking water, if needed, and
- If residents have additional data that they can provide to EPA regarding the quality of their drinking water.

## **What Will EPA Ask Me?**

To fill in the information gaps that will determine our next steps, we need your help to obtain information about your private well, such as:

- ✓ What is the source of your drinking water?
- ✓ Do you have a treatment system?
- ✓ Are you getting water from an alternative source?
- ✓ And technical information, such as:
  - depth of well
  - age of well
  - maintenance history
  - recent testing results

## **How Do I Participate In The Survey?**

Participation in the information survey is voluntary and at no cost to residents.

If you are not at home at the time we visit, please contact us using the information provided below to set up an appointment, at your convenience, for EPA staff to come back to your home, meet with you and fill out the survey.

**To set up an appointment to meet with EPA staff to fill out a well survey, please contact:**

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